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CHAPTER XIV.

A RIFT IN THE CLOUDS.

[illegible] weeks [illegible] before I was allowed to see Daisy after her condemnation. Even then I [illegible] hardly have been permitted to [illegible] interview with her but for certain [illegible] influences, which had been brought [illegible] to bear on her behalf. Immediately after [illegible] sentence of death the judge had [illegible] Belmore, and I had told him that he [illegible] remain satisfied with the case as it [illegible], that he had a strong conviction [illegible] the whole truth had not yet been [illegible]. He found that Belmore entirely [illegible] his views, and from him he heard of [illegible] efforts which I was making to [illegible] proof of my darling's innocence. It was the good judge who smoothed the way for me with the prison authorities and who made it possible for me to have free communication with Daisy in her cell.

But it must not be supposed that we—for Harding had formally devoted himself to my service in the task in which I was engaged—were idle during the two days of waiting before I was admitted to an interview with Daisy. Idle! how could we be idle? It was now the 6th of December, and I had already been warned that the day on which the martyrdom of my darling was to be carried out was the 28th of the same month. But three weeks were given to us, therefore, in which to establish her innocence. Even Harding—good, kind, never-to-be-forgotten friend—declared that neither [illegible] for sleep must one moment of [illegible] precious time be wasted unnecessarily. What, then think you, was my frame of mind?

Within a few hours of the passing of the sentence Harding was in London, where he [illegible] the services of the most eminent private [illegible] of the day. The special mission [illegible] was to find Gregson. My work on that dark day on which the trial ended was of a different kind. Putting all [illegible] of the last few weeks aside, I [illegible] Branksome and Fosdyke and appealed to them to assist me in the task I had [illegible].

Dr. Branksome was just the same as he had [illegible]. Yes, I bitterly reflected, he was just the same, as easy, cool, pleasant in his manner, now when Daisy was lying under sentence of death, as he had been on that first morning of my acquaintance with him, when he did the honors of the yacht for her and for me. I could not bear the thought of this cynical selfishness. I had been angry against him when I first knew that he believed Daisy to be guilty. Now I [illegible] at his heartlessness, and would [illegible] have turned my back upon him forever, if it had not been that I felt he might give me help in the work of saving my darling.

But very soon I found that this was not to be. I again told him my conviction that Flinter was the real instigator of Mr. Mauleverer's murder, and I repeated the reasons which led me to think so. It was the first time that Fosdyke had heard the story of my finding the book on "Forensic Medicine" on board the yacht, and of the way in which it opened at the pages dealing with poisoning by strychnia. I thought he seemed startled by my statement. It had no effect upon Branksome, however.

"I see what you wish me to do, Fenton. You are anxious that I should find a victim for the gallows in the place of poor Daisy, and you suggest Flinter for the purpose."

"And is that the way in which you speak of the girl whom you have known since she [illegible] her mother's arms, and whom you pro[illegible] to love?" I cried, in my indignation. "Dr. Branksome, if anyone had asked me [illegible] a few weeks ago, I [illegible] you [illegible] one of the noblest [illegible] on the face of the earth, but [illegible] put the question to me [illegible] forced to tell him that I [illegible] a friend, and [illegible] who can [illegible] every luxury"—I had found the two at dinner—"when the child who has looked up to him as a [illegible] the grave, than [illegible] in the attempt to save her [illegible] with a cold sneer."

He heard me without moving a muscle of [illegible], but when he replied he spoke in [illegible]. It was just as pleasant and [illegible] tones as it had ever been.

"I wish you success, and Godspeed with all my heart, Mr. Fenton, and for the sake of Daisy I forgive your injustice towards myself. But I tell you this, sir, plainly. I have been convinced of her guilt by the evidence [illegible] before the court, and while I am willing [illegible] you in making every effort to obtain [illegible] the mercy of the crown—nay, Mr. [illegible] will tell you that I am already taking steps for that purpose—I am not prepared to try to save her whom I believe to be guilty by throwing her sin upon another [illegible] I know to be innocent."

What could I do in appealing to a man [illegible] cruelty, was founded upon his [illegible] what was right? I could not answer [illegible] and I saw that it would be useless [illegible] him. But in my heart I hated [illegible] him.

"Then," I said at last, seeing that no help [illegible] be hoped for here, "I shall act for myself, and if I have to spend every farthing I [illegible] in the world and to devote every day [illegible] remain to me of life to the task, you [illegible] depend upon it that I shall yet con[illegible] you all by proving her innocence."

Of [illegible] interview with Daisy, when at last I was admitted to her in the condemned cell [illegible] Castle, I shall say nothing that [illegible] bear directly upon the subsequent events. She was changed greatly when I saw her, but she declared that I was far more seriously altered than she was. And probably she was right, for I had nothing of that noble courage and resignation which had borne her up through all this time of agony. But I dared not spend the precious minutes [illegible]. I had other work to do for her sake.

My first business I felt must be to get from her her own theory, if she had one, regarding the murder, and to prepare her [illegible] that, I told her freely all my own [illegible], and the story of my abduction, of which she had only heard for the first time during the course of the trial.

"And you really believe that my uncle [illegible] you to be spirited away in that fashion?"

"Depend upon it, dearest, you are entirely deceived. My uncle was innocent."

"Then who could have originated the plot?"

"Flinter must have done so. Let me tell you all I know about him. He has been employed for nearly eight years at my uncle's [illegible] station at Wangoora—the place where [illegible] lived. I am told that he had been in some serious trouble, and that my uncle, who was usually one of the kindest men, and was one of the most simple-hearted men, befriended him. Very soon after he came to the station as an ordinary shepherd he saved my uncle's life when he was nearly drowned in crossing a swollen river on our run. That, you may be sure, was never forgotten by my uncle. He very quickly raised him to one of the chief posts on the estate, and at the time that I came to live at Wangoora, six years ago, he was the constant companion of my uncle in his journeys, and had evidently secured his confidence."

"But you spoke of him to me as dangerous."

"Yes; he is dangerous, and bad, too. I very soon discovered that. But I cannot for a moment imagine that he would have plotted against his benefactor's life. He had everything to lose and nothing conceivable to gain by my uncle's death."

That was perfectly true, and it was the one great stumbling block in the way of my theory regarding the murder. Flinter undoubtedly had nothing to gain by it.

"Daisy," I said, "you must forgive me for questioning you on a subject that has long puzzled me, but about which I saw that you did not wish to tell me anything. I want to know all that you can tell me about that man whom I saw in the railway station here, on the day we first met. It is necessary that you should tell me all, my darling."

She blushed slightly, and then a faint smile lighted up her worn face.

"Ah, how happy an accident it was that led me to the carriage where you were seated that day! I should have been without a friend now but for that."

"But about this man—Gregson?"

"I should have told you all about him if there had been any opportunity of doing so after you spoke to me at the hall. For, do you know, that at one time he had tried to make me believe that he was in love with me, and when he found that I cared nothing whatever about him he began to persecute me in a mean, paltry kind of way, till I positively became afraid of him."

"Where was it that he first began to annoy you?"

"At Wangoora, about three years ago. You see, he was my uncle's confidential clerk, and came a great deal to the house. He had not then given way, as I fear he has done now, to bad habits, and he was a great friend of Dr. Branksome's. I never cared for him—in the least." Dear heart! she looked up at me with the happy smile of a maiden who tells her story for the first time to the man she loves, and for a moment we forgot all about the prison bars, and the two women who sat mutely, watching us at the other end of the cell.

"When he found that I did not care for him he became, as I said, very disagreeable. He would try to waylay me and hint dreadful things about having me in his power, and I think that very soon he came to hate me as much as he had once professed to like me. Then he became careless and disobedient in his work, and he quarreled with Flinter and was insolent to Dr. Branksome, and the end of it all was that he was dismissed."

"And what happened then?"

"Oh, a great deal. He professed to have discovered some dreadful plot in which we were all engaged for the purpose of imposing upon my uncle. I laughed at him at the time, for I knew of course that there was no plot of any kind, and I little dreamed of what was coming. But the man became hateful both to me and my uncle, especially when we found that he had actually followed us to England. I have never seen him, however, since that day at York."

"Tell me, dearest, who were the persons whom he charged with being in this plot?"

"Oh, I believe I was the chief sinner of all. He several times met me when I was alone, and accused me of it. Then he hated Flinter, and said dreadful things about him, and even about Dr. Branksome. But I never knew what the plot was to which he referred."

"Did Dr. Branksome know what the man was saying about him?"

"Of course he did. Why, I think that, next to me, he hated Dr. Branksome the most, and I remember his saying once that he could have sent him to penal servitude if he liked."

"In Dr. Branksome's presence?"

"Yes."

I was startled by what I had heard, for I remembered how Branksome had disclaimed any knowledge of the meaning of Gregson's language to me in the railway train when I had reported it to him. Some strange fancies stole into my brain.

"Tell me, Daisy, what do you think of Dr. Branksome himself?"

She glanced up at me, and that troubled, doubtful look which I had noticed more than once at Scarborough passed over her face.

"I do not know how I can answer your question," she said, after a pause, and speaking very slowly, as though weighing all her words. "Dr. Branksome is a wonderful man. I never met any one like him. When I am with him he can make me do everything he wishes—or nearly everything. It is only when I am away from him that I doubt and fear him."

"Then you do doubt and fear him sometimes?"

"Yes, when he is not near me. When he is, I hardly seem to have any will of my own. It is very strange. I cannot explain it. Sometimes I think he is a very, very good man, but there are times when I think very differently of him."

"When did you see him last, Daisy?" I asked, feeling as though I were on the brink of some great discovery.

"The day before the trial began. Did you not know? Has he not told you?"

"He has told me nothing."

"That is strange, for he promised that he would do so. He brought me my will, which it seemed that it was necessary I should sign before I was tried."

"Your will! I don't want to pry into your private affairs, my darling, but I must ask you if you left anything to Dr. Branksome?"

"Anything! Why, I left everything to him, of course—that is, everything but some little things I want you—" She stopped, flushing rosy red.

"Do you mean you left all your uncle's fortune to Dr. Branksome?"

"Yes. You see he was the trustee appointed [illegible] that he was the only person to whom I could leave my uncle's money."

In an instant I saw, as when the blaze of summer lightning illumines the wide landscape for miles at a stretch, the whole conspiracy, in the toils of which my darling had been caught. But that vivid flash of consciousness faded almost as quickly as it came, and left me once more groping in the twilight—not, however, before I had taken my bearings, as it were, afresh, and had seen that our real position was altogether different from what, up to that moment, I had imagined it to be.

"Daisy," I said, trying hard to subdue my excitement, "are you aware that the power of attorney which you signed the other day makes me for the present absolute master of all your property? You have constituted me your other self. While you are in confinement here I can go where I will and do what I please in your name, as your representative. Are you willing that I should make full use of these powers?"

"Oh, yes," she cried; "who can use them better?"

"Then, darling, I shall make my first use of them by putting a veto upon you. I want you to promise that you will on no account allow Dr. Branksome to see you until we meet again. You know they will allow no one to visit you now unless you desire it. Will you promise?"

"I will promise anything you wish."

"Then I must tell you that I shall go direct from here to Great Lorton, in order that I may search the hall from the roof to the cellars, if necessary, for proof of your innocence. The first thing I have to find is that parcel of strychnia. Can you help me?"

She shook her head doubtfully. "I wish I could; but I cannot recall what I did with it."

"By the way," I said, "do you know this?" I took from my pocket the rusted knife or dagger which I had found on my bed on the night that I slept at the hall.

She looked at it, and then the color dyed her cheeks once more.

"Where did you find it?" she asked.

"In my bedroom—the haunted chamber."

"Ah, I remember!" she cried, "I remember now where I placed the poison! It is in the secret passage leading to the haunted room."

"Do you indeed remember, my darling? Are you sure?"

"Quite, quite sure. Stay, let me tell you all. On that night when my uncle heard, after he had said good night to you, of what had passed between us in the garden, he came to my room. I had not gone to bed, for I was thinking of all that you had been saying to me. We had a dreadful scene, as you know. Some one had poisoned his mind. He told me I should never see you again, and I was in despair. Then I remembered that you were to sleep in the haunted room, and that there was a private stair leading to it from the drawing room corridor. I resolved to send you a letter, so that you might not leave the hall thinking that I was unfaithful to you. My maid and I had discovered the passage shortly before, and knew that it led up to your room, which was entered by means of a sliding panel. I wrote the note, and gave it to her to take to your chamber when she was certain you were asleep. She went with it; but returned almost immediately to say that she could not move the panel. We looked about for something by which to open it, and I saw this old knife in its sheath. It was given to me as a curiosity, years ago, by an old sailor. Taylor, my maid, took the knife, and went back to your room. When she returned she told me that she had placed the note upon your pillow, but that at the moment when she did so you had moved in your sleep; and in her fright she had left the room at once, forgetting to bring the knife with her."

"Then there was no ghost but the one you sent to me, darling! But about the strychnia; for that is about the most important thing of all now."

"I placed it on a shelf over the door by which the secret stair is entered. It was the sight of the knife which reminded me immediately of the place."

I rose breathless with excitement.

"My darling, by God's help, all will yet be well. But I must not delay a moment longer now."

I strained her in my arms, and kissed her passionately. Half an hour afterwards I was on my way to Great Lorton, having dispatched a telegram to Mr. Eastmead, begging him to meet me at the Barton railway station.

I found the chief constable waiting for me on the platform at Barton. Like other men "in the force," he was probably happier when engaged in bringing a criminal to justice than when he was saving an innocent person from an unjust punishment. But in Daisy's case he showed as much zeal as though he had been one of her personal friends, and I had no need to complain of the interest he displayed when I told him the errand upon which I was bent, and the important facts which I had elicited during my visit to the prison.

"I want you to accompany me in my search through the hall, Mr. Eastmead, both because you will be an unimpeachable witness regarding any discoveries I may make, and because I may need to appeal to the aid of the law in my task. For you will understand that I shall not do things by halves. This power of attorney makes me Miss Stancliffe's legal representative, and I shall use all my rights under it, not only to prove her innocence, but, if possible, to discover who the guilty person is."

"You have set yourself a hard task, Mr. Fenton," he replied; "but there is some hope of success; for I am quite certain that, as yet, we do not know the truth."

We had to walk from Little Lorton station to the hall. My interview with Daisy had taken place in the early morning, and it was barely two o'clock in the afternoon when I found myself once more standing on the broad terrace in front of the quaint old house.

The first person I saw was the evil-omened Flinter. He came forward with an insolent air and demanded my business.

"My business, sir, might very well be to give you into custody for the outrage which you committed upon me. As it is, I am here in the exercise of my rights, and have nothing to say to you."

"You won't get into the hall, at all events," he said, doggedly.

"None of that nonsense," interposed the chief constable, "or I shall have to take you into my hands, my man. Mr. Fenton, I imagine, is the only person who has any rights here, if it comes to that."

At that moment I saw Dr. Branksome sauntering along the terrace from the direction of the garden. He looked genuinely surprised when he saw who it was with whom Flinter was having this altercation. He came forward with quickened step, and his usual air of bland gravity.

"Mr. Fenton! Mr. Eastmead! This is an unexpected pleasure."

"Possibly," I said, all the suspicions of the man which during the last few hours had risen in my mind betraying themselves in my face and voice. "I am here, however, Dr. Branksome, as the representative of Miss Stancliffe, and, as you will see, I am accompanied by Mr. Eastmead, as the representative of the law."

"I think, sir, you forget yourself," replied Branksome. "I have no wish to cast any doubts upon the sincerity of your interest in the unfortunate lady whose guardian I am, but I have the honor to be the only person who can claim to be her legal representative."

My hot blood mounted to my cheeks, and I was about to answer him angrily, when Eastmead again interposed.

"This gentleman, Dr. Branksome, acts under a power of attorney from Miss Stancliffe. You will hardly dispute his right to represent her when you know that."

"A power of attorney! Monstrous! Impossible! She would never have signed such a document without consulting me."

"Dr. Branksome," I said, "we will not bandy words, if you please. I hold this power of attorney, and I thank God that I do so; and now I am going into this house to look for, and I believe to find, the proofs of the innocence of the girl whom you professed to shield and left to die."

"My dear fellow," retorted Branksome, with just the suspicion of a sneer in his tones, "why will you be always so melodramatic? If you had told me at first what your object was, you would not have needed any power of attorney to get admittance to this home. By all means enter and welcome."

He threw open the door in front of which we had been standing, and, bowing politely, waited till we had preceded him.

In the hall I turned and said, "I have come here, Dr. Branksome, to make a general search through the house; and although, as Miss Stancliffe's legally appointed representative, [illegible] no objection to your accompanying me in that search."

"My good sir," he retorted, "I think you must really excuse me. You have not come here in a very friendly fashion this afternoon, and you can hardly be surprised if, under the circumstances, I conceive that it may be more satisfactory to yourself, as it certainly will be to me, that you should go about your work in your own way. At the same time, whenever you wish for luncheon you will find it on the table, and I shall be happy to join you. Of course, as Miss Stancliffe's representative, you need have no feeling of delicacy about making your wishes in that matter known."

His perfect coolness and composure had their effect upon me, and that lightning flash in which I had seen him for an instant as a villain of colossal iniquity, faded more and more completely from my memory.

But I lost no time in beginning my search. Mary Taylor, Daisy's maid, was summoned and came quickly, as did Mrs. Cawthorne, who had returned broken-hearted to the hall at the close of the trial. I soon explained to the girl that what we wanted to see was the door leading to the private staircase. She looked somewhat confused when I told her this; probably she recollected the last occasion on which she had herself made use of that door.

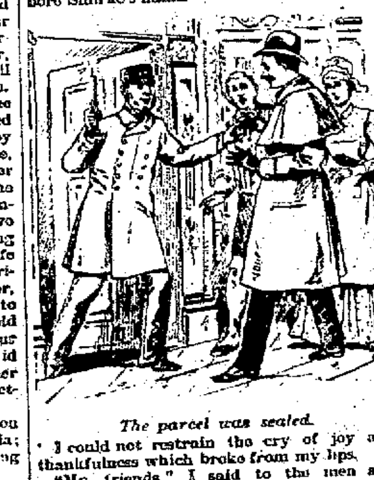
We found that the door was in one of the paneled recesses of the drawing room corridor. It had no handle, and any one might have passed it a hundred times without perceiving its existence. Taylor pressed the door in the middle, and it slowly opened, revealing a staircase, narrow, dirty and dusty, beyond.

"Mr. Eastmead," I said, "you represent the law, and I leave it to you to make the first attempt to verify the statement which Miss Stancliffe has made to me."

"Bring a light here," said the officer; and one of the many servants, who were watching us in wonder, darted into the adjoining room, and quickly reappeared with a lighted wax candle. Taking this in his hand, Eastmead passed through the door. I could see him moving the candle to and fro, and then he uttered a slight exclamation and closed the door upon us. Immediately afterward he opened it and came out into the corridor, begrimed with dust and cobwebs, but wearing an air of triumph on his face.

"I have found this on the narrow ledge or shelf above the door inside," he said.

He held out to me, as he spoke, a small parcel wrapped in paper that had once been white. I seized it with feverish eagerness. Pasted upon it was a label, bearing in writing the address: "Miss Stancliffe, Great Lorton Hall," and in print the word "Poison" in large letters, and the name and address of Smirke, the Little Lorton chemist. The parcel was sealed, and we saw that the seal bore Smirke's name.



The parcel was sealed.

I could not restrain the cry of joy and thankfulness which broke from my lips.

"My friends," I said to the men and women around me, "your poor mistress will yet be saved."

Mrs. Cawthorne burst into tears, as did most of the women. I can only answer for myself among the men. I could not keep back the tears of joy which were welling from my eyes.

It now occurred to me that, as most of the rooms in the hall had been searched by the police under Mr. Eastmead himself at the time of Daisy's arrest, I might begin my own investigation by exploring this secret passage in which we had already found so important a piece of evidence. Bidding the servants remain where they were, we slowly climbed the narrow winding stair. It led into a corridor equally narrow and very long, unlighted and ill-ventilated, so that more than once the candle which Eastmead carried seemed to be on the point of expiring.

At the end was apparently a blank wall of dark oak. But looking closely at it I detected the place where the girl had introduced the knife on the night when she had brought to me the note from Daisy. I had brought the knife with me, and in another instant, by means of it, I had caused the panel to slide into a recess. It revealed an opening of the depth of the wall, beyond which there was another panel. This I was able to move without difficulty. I pushed it aside with my hand. Still the way was barred, but upon this occasion it was nothing more substantial than the heavy leather hangings of the haunted room. Great ingenuity had been shown in the arrangement by which an opening could be made at will through these hangings without any evidence of its existence being afforded to an occupant of the room.

Once more I found myself in that well-remembered chamber. It looked cold and dark despite its handsome furniture. Apparently it had not been occupied since the night when I slept there. I opened the door leading into the little sitting room where I had breakfasted by myself on the morning on which I left the hall. To my surprise it showed signs of having been recently occupied. There was a book lying on the table. I recognized it instantly. It was the copy of Guy and Ferrier's "Forensic Medicine," which I had studied so intently during my imprisonment on board the yacht.

"We are in the enemy's stronghold," I said to Eastmead. And I bade him take the book in his hand, and see where it opened. He did so with the result which I expected.

He shook his head gravely. "I think, Mr. Fenton, we shall be justified in taking a very close look at anything we can find here."

There were several books on the table. They were for the most part old account books, some of them bearing Flinter's name. They apparently related to transactions which had taken place some years previously in Australia. One volume was of a different kind. It was a cheap metallic memorandum book, such as a man like Flinter might very well have used for the purpose of keeping notes of incidents of importance. Eastmead took it up and opened it. For some time he appeared to be examining it with a look of bewilderment on his honest face.

"I can't make anything of this, can you? Is it Greek?"

He handed the open book to me, and to my disappointment I saw that, whatever might be the nature of its contents, I was none the wiser through possessing it. Every page was covered with cabalistic marks like nothing I had ever seen before.

"I think we may as well leave this behind us," said the chief constable. "But I am going to take these other books to examine at my leisure."

I acquiesced for the moment in his proposal to leave the little note book in cipher where we had found it, but before we had completed our close examination of the two rooms I had changed my mind, and without any scruple regarding the robbery I was committing upon the unconscious Flinter, I slipped the volume into my pocket.

It would be tedious to tell of the long hours which we spent in examining the other portions of the hall. Nowhere did we find any evidence that seemed to bear on the crime of which the place had been the scene. Indeed, Eastmead warned me beforehand that this would probably be the result. The one part of the hall which had escaped his notice on his first visit had been the secret staircase. The other articles which he had found, and which might possibly be of use against Flinter, had evidently been brought to the hall after our party had landed from the yacht, and consequently after Daisy's arrest.

When our tedious task was completed, we went to the dining room, where we found Dr. Branksome awaiting us. Cold meat and wine were upon the table; and we were so thoroughly exhausted by our labors that we were glad to make a hurried meal before departing to catch the last train to York. I did not care to talk much to Branksome. He had heard of the discovery of the strychnia, but said wonderfully little about it. [illegible] brilliant conversation.

CHAPTER XV.

JAMES GREGSON'S STORY.

It was late at night when I got back to York, excited and elated by the great discovery I had made. A letter from Harding awaited me, in which he told of the steps he was taking for the purpose of finding Gregson. Through the celebrated detective Max Bielski he believed that he might at last get on his track, though the chase would undoubtedly be a difficult one. I did not go to bed until I had answered the letter and given Harding a full account of my visit to the hall. I concluded by imploring him to come to me at once, if that were possible, so that we might advise as to the next measures to be taken.

"A gentleman is waiting to see you, sir, down stairs." It was early the next morning, while I was at breakfast in my private room at the hotel, that I received this intimation.

"Do you know his name?"

"No, sir; he would not give me his name, but he said I was to tell you that he came from Mr. Harding."

"Show him up at once."

The stranger was a short man, with powerful frame, clean shaven face, and bright eyes that seemed to see everything at once.

"Beg pardon, sir, for intruding," he said, addressing me with a business like air; "I thought you might not wish to have my name spread over the house, for you see it is rather a well-known name now, sir. I am the detective Mr. Harding has been employing on your account I believe."

"Mr. Bielski?"

"Yes, Max Bielski at your service, sir." He pulled a note book out of his pocket and opening it continued: "I understand you want to meet with a party of the name of James Gregson, aged about thirty, tall and fair haired. Well, Mr. Fenton, don't be offended, but I must tell you at once that that description won't give me any help in finding the man. You see, sir, there are thousands of tall, fair haired men of thirty walking about the streets; as for the name, you may be sure that Mr. Gregson is not Mr. Gregson now, if he has any reason to wish to keep in hiding. You will have to tell me something more."

"But I am afraid that is just what I cannot do."

"Well, we'll see, sir. You must excuse me putting you through your catechism, Mr. Fenton. It must be done if I'm to lay hold of your man."

And in a surprisingly short space of time Mr. Bielski had made himself the master of all the particulars, good, bad and indifferent, which I knew about Gregson, including even the story Daisy had told me. When I told him of the photograph of Daisy I had picked up in the railway carriage after Gregson left it, he at once asked me for it; and—very reluctantly, for it was the only portrait of my darling which I possessed—I parted with it to him.

At the end of an interview of three-quarters of an hour the detective pulled out his watch, and rising hastily said: "I must be off, sir. I've just time to catch the express back to town."

"But are you going to London to find Gregson? My own opinion is that you'll find him somewhere about here."

"That is my opinion also, sir; and no doubt if I had three months to spare I could lay a heavy wager that I should 'nab' him in this very city of York before the end of that time. But you see, sir, it is a matter of life and death; and a single day might make all the difference; so I must follow the safe clew you have given me, and not the uncertain one."

"And what is the safe clew?"

"The time about which Gregson landed in England from Melbourne. This is all I have to go upon. I must track him down from that hour to the present. Good day to you, sir." And in another instant he was hurrying off to catch the ten o'clock express to town.

The remainder of that day I spent in consultation with our solicitor, and in awaiting the arrival of Harding. He came to York by an evening train, and pressed my hand affectionately when we met upon the railway platform.

"What do you say, Harding; shall we apply to the home secretary at once on the strength of the discovery of the strychnia?"

"No, we must wait. Don't look disappointed, my dear fellow. As soon as I received your letter this morning I hurried off to Belmore's chambers and was fortunate enough to get five minutes of his precious time. Indeed, I believe he gave me fully fifteen minutes if the truth must be told. I read your letter to him and asked him his advice. 'I should like to consult Grange before I say anything,' was his answer."

"You mean the judge."

"Precisely. Our one hope, you know, is in the judge. It will rest with him in the end whether there is to be a pardon or not; and Belmore, who knows that all his sympathies are on our side, is anxious to take him along with us in every step."

Accustomed as I had been to see in a judge only the awful being clothed in a medieval costume, who dispensed life and death, liberty and slavery, from the judgment seat, I could hardly realize the fact that such a man should be full of active human sympathy, even on behalf of a fellow creature whom he had just doomed to the gallows. So it was, however.

"Well," continued Harding, "I had a note at four o'clock from Belmore to say that Grange was very much pleased to hear of this discovery, which would of course need to be properly authenticated; but that something further must be obtained—something if possible tending to break down the evidence as to motive—before any steps were taken at the home office. You see it is not a commutation of the sentence that we want—it is a free pardon."

"Yes," I answered, feeling depressed and disappointed, for I had thought that all our troubles were at an end now that we had discovered the strychnia, "I suppose we must go on, but I confess that I seem to be at the end of my resources."

"Now, my good fellow, you must not give up in despair. Let us wait until we have caught Gregson. Who knows what he can tell us?"

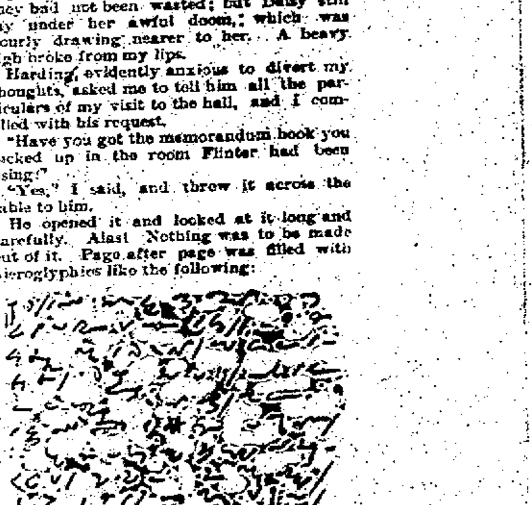
I sat in gloomy meditation. Four precious days had already passed. It is true that they had not been wasted; but Daisy still lay under her awful doom, which was hourly drawing nearer to her. A heavy sigh broke from my lips.

Harding, evidently anxious to divert my thoughts, asked me to tell him all the particulars of my visit to the hall, and I complied with his request.

"Have you got the memorandum book you picked up in the room Flinter had been using?"

"Yes," I said, and threw it across the table to him.

He opened it and looked at it long and carefully. Alas! Nothing was to be made out of it. Page after page was filled with hieroglyphics like the following:



Harding studied the book for nearly half an hour, often making jottings on a sheet of paper and referring again and again to particular pages. He laid it down wearily at last.

"I can do nothing with it," he said. "It is evidently some very intricate form of cipher. Such things are to be read, however, and we must have this read. We cannot afford to lose any chance of hitting upon a clew."

"But whom can you get to read it?"

"We must think that over. Perhaps Bielski may be able to give us some assistance."

The next day was spent in a journey to Barton at the request of Eastmead. From Barton we went with Eastmead to Little Lorton for the purpose of seeing Smirke, the chemist. That person immediately recognized [illegible] wrapped the strychnia sold to Daisy. But he was able to afford additional proof of the identity of the parcel. On removing the sealed outer wrapper he showed us an inner covering, on which the label was repeated, with the address, and, in addition, the date, "Oct. 7," in the chemist's own handwriting. There was, therefore, no longer any doubt that, so far as the mere possession of strychnia at the time of the murder was concerned, the evidence given against Daisy at her trial had been absolutely neutralized. Affidavits describing the discovery and identification of the parcel were duly made on the same day by Smirke, Eastmead and myself before one of the Barton magistrates.

Two days passed without any further progress being made. It was a whole week since Daisy's condemnation, and only two more remained to us in which to save her. My impatience was at fever height, and Harding had a hard task to keep me in any degree calm or self-possessed. I had not dared to seek another interview with my darling. Until the question of life and death was settled in one way or the other, I felt that to see her once more would only be to torture her uselessly, and to rob me of the little strength which I still had left. But through the chaplain of the jail I was in constant communication with her. Every day I wrote to her, and she knew that I was living for her sake and her's alone.

This first week, I say, had come to an end before we heard anything more of Bielski. It was Sunday evening, and I was sitting by myself, wearily seeking for some fresh clew which might hitherto have escaped my attention, when the detective was suddenly ushered into my room.

"Good evening, Mr. Fenton. I'm afraid you think I have been a long time over my work; but it has been a stiff a job as I have had for some time. The fellow has done nothing but double and take fresh names. If it had not been for that photograph you lent me I should have been baffled at last."

"And you—have you found him?" I cried eagerly.

"Yes, sir, he's here at your service; but before I bring him in to see you I should like to give you a hint. I don't know whether you'll find him a willing witness or the reverse; but if the latter, just ask him if he remembers Smith & Sharpe of Gracechurch street. That will fetch him soon enough, sir. You see he got into trouble there ten years ago, and has been wanted ever since. I'll wait outside till you have had your talk with him."

He was leaving the room, when Harding, who had just heard of the detective's arrival, entered, and in a few words was informed of the situation.

"Let Bielski make himself useful while he is waiting," said Harding; "give him that memorandum book."

I handed the little notebook to the detective. He looked at it gravely.

"I wonder if I can crack this nut? It's a hard one; but I'll try."

We withdrew, and in two minutes the door was opened, and Mr. James Gregson entered with the impudent smile upon his face which I knew so well. Bowing with an air of familiarity, which was not without a distinct touch of insolence, he looked from me to Harding, as though inquiring the reason which had led us to take so much trouble to find him. Beneath this outward assumption of self confidence I thought I could catch signs that the fellow was not quite so much at his ease as he wished to appear. I invited him to take a seat, and gravely stated to him the object I had in seeking him out.

He looked at me with a satirical smile on his lips when I had finished my statement.

"So you think I can clear your friend Miss Stancliffe, do you?"

"I hope you can throw some light upon the mystery that surrounds Mr. Mauleverer's death."

He laughed outright. "Of course I can do that; but you have come to the wrong man for information that will clear Miss Daisy. Have you forgotten what I told you in the railway train when you were on your way to the old man's house?"

"It is precisely because I have not forgotten it that I have desired to see you again. You spoke then of a conspiracy to commit murder. I want you to be kind enough to tell me frankly what you meant by your words. You remember that you charged not only Miss Stancliffe, but Flinter and Dr. Branksome, and myself as well, with being in some plot. What did you mean by it?"

"O, don't be afraid on your own account, Mr. Fenton. I know now that you were not in the plot. You were only the dupe, and a very simple one, too."

I was determined that, come what might,

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McKean County Miner

ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY

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Smethport, Pa., December 3, 1886.

The [illegible] Forty Ninth Congress will convene [illegible]

[illegible] sagacity. He is [illegible] and persuading [illegible]

HON. JNO. B. ROBINSON of [illegible] is a candidate for Speaker of the House. He was one of the [illegible] in the last House and would make a most creditable speaker.

A good many people agree with Senator [illegible] in the opinion that Blaine [illegible] to shake hands with [illegible] at the funeral [illegible]

[illegible] instruments of [illegible] Mr. Powderly [illegible]

The Philadelphia Press [illegible] most violent [illegible] for United States Senator [illegible] the Democratic [illegible] may have help[illegible] make Republican [illegible] for him.

[illegible] William R. Morrison [illegible] culture [illegible] Morrison's [illegible]—Chicago News.

SENATOR-ELECT JAMES [illegible] of Pittsburgh [illegible] of the Senate [illegible] position [illegible] the Commonwealth.

HON. DAVID [illegible] Legislature from Philadelphia [illegible] Harrisburg [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] last week [illegible]

CAPTAIN [illegible]

At the last session of Congress provision was made for [illegible] marked graves of soldiers, sailors and marines [illegible] and the War Department has accordingly [illegible] supplying all that may [illegible] the 8th day of June 1886.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Press [illegible] Judge Glenni W. Scofield of Warren is saying that he represented the [illegible] district in Congress twelve years [illegible] represented [illegible] two years.

The Republican members of the Legislature from Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Lawrence, Westmoreland, Washington, Indiana and Armstrong counties met in Pittsburgh on Friday last and unanimously endorsed [illegible] for Speaker [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible]

A correspondent to the Bradford Era [illegible] the Attorney Generalship [illegible] active Republicans [illegible] State [illegible] Hay Brown [illegible] appointment [illegible] Among others the names of Judge Williams of [illegible] Judge Olmsted of Potter, ex-Attorney General Benjamin Harris Brewster of Philadelphia and ex-Assistant Attorney General Gilbert of Harrisburg are suggested but it is known that Governor Beaver has reached no conclusion on the subject. It would be a mistake [illegible] either Judge Olmsted or Judge Williams. They are two of the ablest jurists in the State but probably neither of them desire the appointment.

The graphic story of the origin, rise and growth [illegible] James Anthony Froude [illegible] 1147 for the purpose of [illegible] pilgrims [illegible] Jerusalem [illegible] Poor Brethren [illegible] the Patriarch of Jerusalem [illegible] Grand Master. The order [illegible] Christendom [illegible] in Europe [illegible] the Saracens in 1291. The story of the [illegible] the Pope [illegible] the French Templars in 1307 [illegible] Grand Master.

The historical sketch above referred to has recently been published in a series of articles in the *Library Magazine* and is now issued in a very neat cloth bound volume at the price of 25 cents, both that and the *Library Magazine* being published by John B. Alden of New York, which accounts for the low price. Issued by any other house the cost would probably be $1.00 or more.

THE 48th JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

At the last session of the Legislature an act was passed both houses providing for an Additional Law Judge in the Forty Eighth Judicial District composed of the county of McKean with Potter attached. The bill was vetoed by the Governor [illegible] to show the frivolousness of the reasons assigned we publish below the veto [illegible] Pattison [illegible] ignores the business of the district and bases his argument against the bill entirely on the ground of population. He does not seem to comprehend the fact that a county of small population could very easily have twice the judicial business of a county of [illegible]. Neither does he seem to understand that the criminal business in some sections of the State is very much greater than in others. [illegible] by reading his senseless veto.

In order that some idea can be formed of the amount of judicial business being transacted in this county it will be well to give the number of courts held and to be held the last four months of this year and those ordered for the first six months of 1887. They are as follows:

SEPTEMBER 1886.		
Argument Court	Sept. 7th	
Common Pleas	Sept. 13th	[illegible] cases
OCTOBER 1886.		
Regular Term	Oct. 4th	
Regular Term	18th	
Common Pleas	Oct. 18th	[illegible] cases
Argument Court	[illegible]	
Common Pleas	[illegible]	2 cases
NOVEMBER 1886.		
Argument Court	Nov. [illegible]	
Common Pleas	Nov. [illegible]	[illegible]
DECEMBER 1886.		
Argument Court	Dec. 7th	
Regular Term	[illegible]	
JANUARY 1887.		
Common Pleas	Jan. 17th	2 cases
FEBRUARY 1887.		
Argument Court	Feb. 8th	
Common Pleas	Feb. [illegible]	2 cases
MARCH 1887.		
Common Pleas	March 21st	2 cases
APRIL 1887.		
Argument Court	April 5th	
Common Pleas	April 18th	2 cases
MAY 1887.		
Regular Term	May 2d	
Regular Term	[illegible]	
Common Pleas	May 30th	[illegible] cases
JUNE 1887.		
Argument Court	June 7th	
Common Pleas	June [illegible]	[illegible] cases

These are the courts in McKean county. In these months [illegible] court held in this county [illegible] judge [illegible] business in this county [illegible] November [illegible] attention of the courts [illegible] from February term 1885 to May term 1886. There was [illegible] 1886 [illegible] No judge in the State works harder than Judge Olmsted and it is hardly possible for the business to be disposed of any more rapidly than he is doing. Yet owing to the vast amount of business which has accumulated on the records of the courts of this county within the past twelve years and the perishable character of the property in litigation [illegible] for litigants who has been trying [illegible] the Governor's chair for the past four years [illegible] injustice to this judicial district. He finds population and the residence of the Judge [illegible] as though nothing else had any bearing in the case.

Following is the act passed by the last Legislature by an almost unanimous vote in both houses [illegible] message.

AN ACT

[illegible]

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted* [illegible] in the Forty-eighth judicial district composed of the counties of McKean and Potter there shall be for a single term of ten years an additional law judge who shall possess the same qualifications as are required by the Constitution and the laws for the president judge of said district and who shall be elected [illegible] and shall have the powers, authority and jurisdiction and shall be subject to the same duties, restrictions and penalties and shall receive the same compensation as the president judge of said district.

SEC. 2. Either of the judges of the said Forty-eighth judicial district shall have authority to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties now conferred by the Constitution and laws upon the president judge of said district and shall have equal jurisdiction [illegible]

SEC. [illegible] It shall be lawful for any one of the said judges to reserve questions of law which may arise on the trial of a cause for the consideration of both said judges sitting together and if the said judges shall disagree on any question reserved as aforesaid the opinion of the judge before whom the cause was tried shall stand as the judgment of the court and either party shall have a right to a bill of exceptions to the opinion of the court as if the point had been ruled and decided on the trial of the cause and in all other matters that shall be heard before both of said judges in case of their disagreement the decision of the president judge shall stand as the judgment of the court.

SEC. 4. At the next general election after the passage of this act the qualified electors of the said Forty-eighth judicial district shall elect in the manner prescribed by law for the election of a president judge a competent person learned in the law to serve as said additional law judge in said district; vacancies in the office hereby created whether caused by death, resignation or otherwise for the unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as is required by law in case of a similar vacancy in the office of president judge.

SEC. 5. The Governor is hereby authorized by and with the consent of the Senate to appoint some competent person learned in the law as additional law judge of said judicial district until the first Monday in January succeeding the next general election.

AMOS H. MYLIN,
President pro tem of the Senate.
JAMES L. GRAHAM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
HARRISBURG, July 10, 1885.

I herewith file, with my objections, in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Senate bill No. 151, entitled "An act to provide for an additional law judge in the Forty-eighth judicial district."

This district was formed by the judicial apportionment bill of 1883. It is composed of the counties of McKean and Potter. According to the census of 1880, the population of McKean was forty two thousand five hundred and sixty-five, and that of Potter thirteen thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, making fifty six thousand three hundred and sixty two in all. The Legislature in 1883, thought that one judge was sufficient to administer justice in these two counties and only one was allowed them. This bill provides an additional law judge for this district. There has not been such a [illegible] of the population of the district since it was formed as would make an additional judge an urgent necessity. Even taking into account the increase claimed for Potter county since the census was taken the aggregate population of the two counties barely exceeds the number which the Legislature has recently indicated as the proper one to entitle a county to [illegible]. The Constitution now makes that number forty thousand; the proposed amendment makes it sixty thousand. Whilst this amendment relates exclusively to the right of counties containing such population to be separated and set apart from other counties in the designation of [illegible] gives an insight into the [illegible] of legislators [illegible] to the number of [illegible] should be embraced in general [illegible] no matter how formed. It also [illegible] indicates that the trend of popular thought is towards a [illegible] increase of the number of judges, and I am not disposed to agree with those who think so.

That there are special inconveniences in this particular district owing to the fact that the judge lives in the county seat of the smaller county and that the facilities for getting from one county seat to the other are not easy I fully recognize. It is the misfortune of the people of the larger county that the judge does not reside there, but the same state of facts exists in other districts. The argument as to inconvenience in the matter of traveling from one county to another applies quite [illegible] other districts at least and [illegible] that the [illegible] judges ought not to prescribe [illegible] rule. [illegible] circumstances arising from an extraordinary increase of population or business or both which would justify [illegible] I am not convinced [illegible] and in this case [illegible] for another judge I [illegible] withhold my signature from the bill.

ROBT. E. PATTISON.

A VISIT TO CRATER LAKE.

The following communication from Will King refers to a lake somewhere [illegible] proposed National Park. The [illegible] territory equal in size to [illegible] States [illegible] somewhere east [illegible] Oregon. Mr. King [illegible] who have [illegible] visiting that [illegible] letter is well worth reading.—ED. MINER.

Editor MINER:

[illegible] The lake [illegible] on the summit of the Cascade Mountains near the head of Rogue River and about thirty miles north of Fort Klamath. It has been variously known as Deep Lake, Blue Lake and Lake Majesty, but the more appropriate name it now bears will no doubt remain with it forever. The walls which [illegible] from seven [illegible] hundred to nine thousand [illegible] feet above the level of the sea and [illegible] to two thousand five hundred feet above the surface of the water. The lake may be said to have no shore [illegible] only at one or two [illegible] can descend the [illegible] perpendicular cliffs to the [illegible] mirrored in the smooth glassy surface over which the mountain breeze creates scarce a ripple and it is with great difficulty the eye can distinguish the line dividing the cliffs from their reflected counterparts. In circumference the lake is over twenty miles, the general outline of its surface being almost an oval. [illegible] conceive a volcano which is twenty miles in circumference at a height of seven thousand feet, then carry it up until its apex is reached at fully [illegible] five thousand feet above [illegible] twice the height of Mount Hood and then add to this a [illegible] smoke and lava [illegible] into the blue air above [illegible] will have a fair idea of the vast mountain which has since spread itself [illegible] many square miles in the form of [illegible] ashes and volcanic scoria and [illegible] exhausted crater now lies a [illegible] and mysterious lake. In the midst of the lake rises a perfect [illegible] extinct volcano about six hundred [illegible] in height, its sides fringed with a [illegible] growth of hemlock [illegible] from this has come an island in the lake about two miles in circumference. The cone has a dish [illegible] depression in its apex which formed the crater where through this small vent the monster gave its expiring throes. Burning lava flowed [illegible] down its sides where now the dwarfed hemlock has gained a precarious foothold among the cinders and seeks to cover its barrenness with a mantle of vegetation.

Leaving Portland by the Oregon & California railroad at eight o'clock a.m. one will arrive at Medford in Rogue River Valley about three o'clock the next morning. Here a team and a wagon should be in readiness, and [illegible] secured. About two and one half days will be required to reach the lake but the time in transit will not be lost as the scenery on the route is magnificent, especially along the Rogue River.

To those who contemplate a visit probably a word about the preparations would not be out of place. There is no habitation near the lake and it is necessary to camp continually. Under such circumstances nothing contributes so much in the way of solid comfort to one who has many times roughed it in the mountains as a rubber pillow that can be carried in the pocket to be filled with air and ready for use at a moment's warning. Good field glasses are indispensable. A compass and a barometer will add greatly to the pleasure of the trip. One pair of coarse easy shoes for ordinary wear and a heavy pair of boots for climbing the cliffs should not be forgotten. Aside from these of course, are the common necessities of camp life such as guns, ammunition, cooking utensils, provisions etc. However, after all the above preparations are made remember that one point is yet forgotten. Provide yourself with a cheap alarm clock, a phial of sulphuric acid and a little red fire. That prepared with shellac is the best. Place in the centre of the red fire a preparation of equal parts pulverized chlorate of potash and white sugar. Then place the phial of acid so that when upset the contents will fall on the latter preparation. Set the alarm for a suitable time, then attach a string to the hammer of the clock and the phial, draw it taut and await developments. Of course when the alarm goes off the acid is spilled in the potash and sugar, which is instantly ignited, and the care and labor expended are rewarded by the magnificent scene which follows. It was our intention to prepare an illumination of the lake from the summit of the island, setting the clock so that the alarm would strike and the red fire be ignited at about eleven o'clock, after darkness had taken possession of the mountain. What we did will be related further on.

As the journey draws to a close, and the last hill is being ascended, the excitement increases with every step. At last, the darkness of the trees in front gives way to a glimpse of the blue sky and a few minutes are sufficient to pass the last tree, when instantly, Crater Lake in all its glory, lies in full view at your feet. At the first glance it seems far smaller than the imagination had pictured it, the walls of a less altitude, but as you sit and drink in the inspiration of the scene the cliffs grow higher and the lake expands [illegible] ere many days [illegible] each rock seems a cliff in itself while the lake below [illegible] At three hundred feet down the distance seems greater than from the top to the water's surface and yet there remain seven hundred feet to descend, this too at the lowest point in the precipitous walls which rise in places fifteen hundred feet high.

Our party purchased in Portland a light canvas bottomed canoe which was carried to our destination. Arriving there however the trouble began. Early Monday morning we appeared at the top of the cliff with our craft ready for the [illegible] E. T. Lockhart and myself picked up the boat and started down while J. M. Brock Jr. and a [illegible] named Frank Abbott held the end of the rope which was passed around a tree or rock to secure a good purchase. A slip or fall on the part of Lockhart or myself was a signal for Brock and Abbott to hold on like grim death. Hard and slow was the descent but long before noon we reached bottom and drew a sigh of relief as we glanced back over our rocky and precipitous path. The boat was at once placed upon the water and began to leak freely. However we had come for the purpose of visiting the [illegible] island and we proposed [illegible] twenty minutes [illegible] the canoe was [illegible] a leaky boat [illegible]

It took thirty [illegible] of hard paddling and [illegible] island, one of the [illegible] utterly desolate [illegible] Promptly starting [illegible] a long tedious [illegible] steepest kind of [illegible] at the top [illegible] hausted [illegible] and gazed in silent wonder [illegible] that surround [illegible] half [illegible] water [illegible] the words came mockingly to mind "Water water everywhere and not a drop to drink." After [illegible] to the crater [illegible] lunch although [illegible] suffering for water [illegible] to the lake [illegible] indeed [illegible] speed [illegible] to rise.

Two general camping points present themselves, one close to the walls of the lake and the other fully half a mile back and down a steep grade. Each has its peculiar advantages. With ladies in the party I would endeavor to camp as near the lake as possible to secure every advantage of witnessing the glorious sunrise and magnificent sunset on the lake. In this case a barrel should be provided in which to haul water. Our party selected the lower place, the advantages of which were the presence of a strong spring of the clearest, purest and best of mountain water and fine grazing for the horses close at hand. The disadvantage was the long laborious climb to the top of the cliffs. Close to our camp [illegible] of icy coldness gurgled by, on the east in near proximity quietly flowed a spring of a higher temperature, [illegible] though not hot or even warm the chill was taken off making it a good place to wash while camp was served with ice water on the other side.

To those who enjoy the noble sport of hunting the vicinity of Crater Lake is especially attractive. Great numbers of deer, elk, bear, panther and mountain sheep roam through the timber in fancied security inviting the keen eye and steady nerve of the sportsman. Although passionately fond of such sport myself the grandeur and sublimity of the surroundings so overcame me with a desire to see and prosecute our exploration that I forgot [illegible] a running shot [illegible] an [illegible] desire to climb over the cliffs and view the wonderful place from every conceivable point. My companions were no less affected and the result was that we ran out of meat and applied to a native sheep herder for some mutton chops. He scowled upon us for a moment then informed our spokesman that when he butchered he never saved the heads. At last after passing many days in exploring both by land and water we reluctantly turned our backs upon the most magnificent scenery I expect ever to behold and started on our return down the valley of Rogue River.

Our party took five pounds of red fire which we intended to burn on the summit of Wizard Island but owing to the fact that the air was so filled with smoke as to destroy the effect our plan was changed and we took it to Rogue River Falls on our return. Here we met quite a number of hardy mountaineers and at nine o'clock left camp for the falls about one mile distant. The night was very dark and a weird sort of a scene it must have been as we climbed over logs and rocks lighted on our way by tallow candles and a lantern that flickered dimly. At last the bank of the stream was reached and while the noise of the rushing waters was intense, nothing could be seen but the dim outline of something white far down below us. At this point the walls of the stream are perpendicular, and one hundred and eighty feet high. They are also solid rock from top to bottom. Directly opposite where we stood, Mill Creek falls into Rogue River (one hundred and eighty feet) and this is what we came to see. In order to get the benefit of the red light, it was necessary for some one to climb down to the water. This duty fell to a stranger in the party, who had made the descent during the day, and myself. He led the way carrying a dim lantern, and I followed as best I could. The rocks are covered with a remarkably thick layer of moss which is kept very wet by the rising mist. The path, if such it might be termed, led along the side of the cliff at an angle of about forty five degrees. As we cautiously climbed from rock to rock it was a sort of feeling of intensified interest that overcame us, when we realized that a single misstep would precipitate us to the rocks below—and worst of all, possibly we "never would be missed." The bed of the stream was reached at last, and the fire ignited close to the falls. Ye gods! What a transformation! Suddenly, the canyon, which could not be seen before, was as bright as day, lighted by a fire so brilliant that we could not look upon it. Crimson air and crimson water, crimson walls and crimson everywhere. No magician of the ancients ever conjured up by a stroke of his wand a spectacle more sublime. It was one of transcendent beauty, upon which the human eye seldom rests, and when it does its possessor is spell bound by the bewildering vision. One almost loses the power of speech in a desperate struggle to see and comprehend the scene, and before it is realized the light dies away and darkness reigns supreme, rendered ten fold more dense by the splendor of so magnificent a tableau. Never forget the red fire when you visit the snow peaks, lakes, canyons and waterfalls of the mountains.

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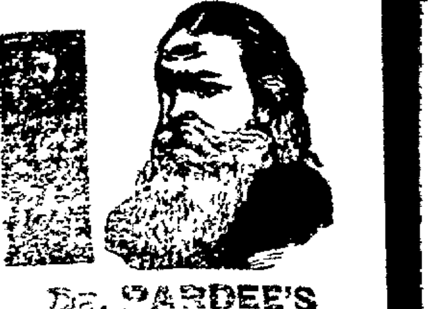

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We have some 200 books in this office [illegible] devoted to agriculture, part to the [illegible] interests of Pennsylvania, part to breeding and culture of fish, etc., etc. [illegible] anxious to give to our subscribers [illegible] as long as they last [illegible] have [illegible] calling at [illegible] and saying he wants one.

LOCAL AND HUMOROUS.

[illegible] three weeks [illegible] snow.

[illegible] Odd Fellows [illegible]

The new tannery building at Mt [illegible] nearly enclosed.

[illegible] letter reached us too [illegible] this week.

[illegible] of Bradford has been [illegible] for a hotel register.

[illegible] killing season closes one [illegible] Wednesday [illegible]

[illegible] last night last gave us poor [illegible] first severe taste of winter.

[illegible] is booked for Bradford [illegible] December 27th. [illegible]

[illegible] weather in these parts for the [illegible] days has been anything [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] its appearance in Bradford [illegible]

[illegible] have been [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] for Merchant [illegible]

[illegible] the work.

We are indebted to [illegible] for a copy of the report of the Select [illegible] on Ordinance and War Ships.

[illegible] of East Smethport killed [illegible] of pounds. [illegible]

[illegible] appears to be [illegible] sickness [illegible] these parts just now [illegible] our physicians are kept on the [illegible]

[illegible] has not been very good sleighing [illegible] but that [illegible] deterred [illegible] from taking their first sleigh [illegible]

The *Reporter* understands that Dr [illegible] will locate in Port Allegany [illegible] purpose of practicing his [illegible]

[illegible] for any point in the west and [illegible] will be on sale hereafter at [illegible] of the B. N. Y. & P. railroad [illegible] Smethport.

We learn that [illegible] gentlemen have [illegible] East Smethport.

Anyone wanting a good horse [illegible] a pair of bob sleighs should not [illegible] at Palmer's Livery and Sale [illegible] before purchasing elsewhere.

[illegible] Brownell's face was scratched [illegible] last Monday evening on the [illegible] of his having got the start of George [illegible] killing the first fox of the season.

[illegible] of plate glass have been [illegible] front of Judge Hamlin's new [illegible] It is expected that the bank building will be ready for occupancy in about [illegible] days.

The partnership in the drug business in this place existing between H. L. and [illegible] McCoy has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be carried on at the old stand by E. B. McCoy.

Mr Matthew Ostrander of Liberty township and Mr William Heineman of Norwich township, two of the most highly respected citizens of this county, have been stricken down with paralysis during the past ten days. Mr Ostrander is 83 and Mr Heineman 73 years of age. They are both critically ill but seemed to be improving when we last heard from them. Their many friends earnestly pray for their recovery.

—Mrs. Lucy Bennett and Mrs. S. A. Backus, who were both stricken down with paralysis about ten days ago, are slowly recovering.

—Gen. Black, the famous hunter, has the most peculiar marked hound to be found in this section of country. If you don't believe it ask Billy.

—Commissioner Rice and Mart Armstrong show about the same agility in "striking an attitude," on the ice, when their feet glide out from under them. They "gather" as though they were boys.

—Many in this section missed a good old fashioned drunk with their Thanksgiving turkey, and as a consequence our streets were pretty well filled up with well-jointed men on Thanksgiving evening.

Apple dumpling suppers are now the wrinkle over at Bradford. The boiler-plated stomachs of the average Bradfordman will be apt to quail under the insidious attacks of this dyspepsia breeding regimen.

The road up Red Mill brook for two miles above the [illegible] mill has been in a horrible condition all the fall. Wouldn't it be a good idea for the Norwich township supervisors to look after it a little next spring?

—The boys have been utilizing the side walk on the east side of Franklin street as a coasting place. The most amusing part of it all is to see them make a "slide" over those steps at the corner of Dr. Freeman's lot.

The infant son of Major and Mrs. J. C. Backus, who has been dangerously ill with whooping-cough for several days past, is somewhat better and the attending physician, Dr. McCoy, says there is a chance for his recovery.

—It is said that hound-men used to a great extent on the headwaters of Potato Creek in hunting deer. If this report is true the law abiding citizens of that locality should see to it that the guilty ones are prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

—The trains on the B. N. Y. & P. road have been delayed somewhat during the past week. No doubt the extra run to Mt. Jewett the snow and last but not least that new time table all combine to slightly mix the schedule time on that popular road.

—The popular young merchant of Colegrove, C. A. Anderson, Esq., is booked for a run of typhoid fever, so his physician says. His many friends hope that he will "run the gauntlet" all right, and under Dr. Brown's care he probably will.

—With the mercury prancing around the zero mark as it was on Thursday morning can it be wondered at that our plumbers are beginning to don their sweetest cold weather smiles and in the near future commence to look around for their mustard bank book.

Sheriff Bannon did not have a large [illegible] of M Rushander's stock of clothing on Friday last. The goods were knocked down in a lump to the Third National Bank of Buffalo for $1,500. The above named bank is now closing out the stock as fast as possible.

This is the season of the year that the enterprising tradesman is taking pains to let the world know that he still lives, and stands ready to supply the wants of the public. The crowded condition of the advertising columns of to-day's MINER amply attests that fact.

H. W. Moore & Co., the well known [illegible] carriage makers of Olean have something to say in another column that will be of interest to those who are contemplating purchasing [illegible] this winter. Read their advertisement and then give the gentlemen a call.

The Harrisburg *Telegraph* makes its annual announcement of [illegible] column. It is one of the best of Pennsylvania's excellent dailies, but it is of especial [illegible] during the Legislative sessions to all those who desire correct reports of the business transacted in the Legislature. It is one of those papers at [illegible]

On referring to our advertising columns it will be seen that Mrs. Campbell has opened dressmaking rooms in the [illegible] on King street between [illegible] and Michael street, where she is prepared to do all work in that line in the highest style of art. Ladies are invited to give her a call.

In the library of the Mrs. Baker [illegible] copy of Andrews' and Stoddard's Latin Grammar, on the inside of the cover of which is written these words: "Mrs. M. A. Hadley, by her husband, Sergt. M. [illegible]" Evidently this book is not in [illegible] right library, and if [illegible] Hadley will write to us we will be glad to turn it over to him.

At the solicitation of the many friends of the late Adam Martin we shall re-publish next week the obituary notice which appeared in our columns a week ago relating to his death. [illegible] notice will also contain some facts in connection with the early settlement of [illegible] which will interest quite a number of the old German families in this county. Those desiring extra copies of the paper will please [illegible] not later than [illegible] day next.

The special [illegible] clerks and [illegible] of Bradford [illegible] the [illegible] are [illegible] but they are selling [illegible] just as low as they were. [illegible] that opening the [illegible] of [illegible] their [illegible] two [illegible] weeks the result of several very large [illegible] extremely low prices. Port Allegany *Reporter*.

Our Councils have passed [illegible] to [illegible] water works [illegible] that at [illegible] the work [illegible] be exempt from its taxes for 15 years at [illegible] Water Commissioners shall furnish the water required in the works for 15 years at the price of $1 per year. In addition to this an [illegible] is being made to [illegible] of Philadelphia [illegible]

[illegible] while [illegible] Douglass, a former respected citizen of this [illegible] and [illegible] Foster were [illegible] repairing [illegible] the [illegible] their [illegible] Fitzgerald [illegible] the [illegible] Douglass [illegible] that [illegible] the work [illegible] While the [illegible] were [illegible] at work Fitzgerald [illegible] and Foster were [illegible] for the purpose of ascertaining the [illegible] Foster [illegible] difficulty [illegible] Not so fortunate however were Douglass and Fitzgerald, who were both swept over the dam. Douglass [illegible] subsequently [illegible] exhausted condition but Fitzgerald [illegible] from which a few hours afterwards his lifeless body was taken. The unfortunate man resided at [illegible] and leaves a wife and [illegible] to mourn their loss.

[illegible] those [illegible] not [illegible] valuable time for [illegible] attention [illegible] for a bottle of Dr. [illegible] your druggist [illegible] keeps it.

[illegible] Santa Claus has made M. L. Armstrong his agent in this locality this year for the distribution of Christmas gifts.

N. R. COLLINS & Co., Main St., Bradford, Pa., send by express, carefully packed, Wines, Brandies, Gins and Whiskies for medical and family use.

Fine dress overcoats for boys from 12 to 18 years of age, something very neat and dressy, at reasonable prices at D. Dornberg's, Eldred, Pa.

Golden Syrup at 60 cts. per gallon. 50 cts. will buy a gallon of good molasses at Young's.

Baptist Church

Subject for the morning discourse next Sunday—"Blessedness of the Christian." Evening—"Why don't we all see alike." The pastor, Rev. C. H. Mitchelmore, will preach at Colegrove at 3 o'clock.

If you want to surprise your wife with a beautiful gold watch or diamond ring on Christmas morning, you can procure what you want in that line at M. L. Armstrong's, at New York prices.

N. R. COLLINS & Co.—Cigars—Bradford, Pa.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

Mrs. S. J. Gifford visited Olean on Monday last.

N. M. Orr, Esq., was over from Kane Tuesday last.

District Attorney Hoover was in town Wednesday last.

C. H. Parker ate his Thanksgiving turkey with Olean friends.

Rev. J. H. McCandless officiated at the church of the Ascension, Bradford, Sunday last.

G. N. Barrett and daughter, Miss Lizzie, made a flying trip to Olean on Saturday last.

Mr and Mrs. Chas. Bradley, of Portville, N. Y., are visiting his parents at the Methodist parsonage.

Mrs. M. E. Brown and son, M. E. J., of Olean, were visiting relatives in this place the forepart of the week.

Editor T. J. Malone of the Kane *Leader* was in town Thursday, and favored the MINER office with a call.

Mrs. Ivah E. Lewis, who has been visiting her parents and friends in this place for several weeks past, departed for her home in Rochester, N. Y., on Monday last.

Mr and Mrs. N. W. Abbey ate Thanksgiving dinner with their son, I. B., at Four Mile, Cattaraugus county. Jay has been "under the weather" somewhat, lately, but is rapidly recuperating.

We are pleased to announce that Alida, one of the twin daughters of Col. B. F. Wright, who has been dangerously ill with a complication of diseases, has so far recovered as to be pronounced out of danger.

If the report is true that lawyers S. W. Smith and O. L. Snyder purpose to locate in Buffalo for the practice of their profession, Port Allegany in particular and McKean county in general will lose two of its most respected and enterprising citizens. Therefore we sincerely hope that they will not leave us permanently.

An Entertainment

will be given by the BAND OF HOPE on FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 3d, at the Baptist Church, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Admittance—For adults, 20 cents; " children, 10 "

An elegant line of silver-ware can be seen at M. L. Armstrong's.

Dr. Bares Dermal Catarrh Cure is sold by E. B. McCoy and A. B. Armstrong. 47 6mo

FINE Whiskey, Brandy, etc. Families supplied by N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa.

IN ordering Flour be sure and call for Pillsbury's Best. Sold only by Taylor & Parker, 55 Main st., Smethport, Pa.

D. C. Young will not be undersold for cash.

FINE celluloid collars at 17 cents per dozen, little out of style but good stock, sizes from 12 to 18, at D. Dornberg's, Eldred, Pa.

Horses

Twenty horses, 2 pairs good sound workers, several fine business chunks, some good drivers, and cheap workers. Also one mare and colt. All at very lowest prices at Palmer's Livery and Sale Stable. A. T. PALMER.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 2, 1886.

What a Frenchman Thinks

Napoleon Ney, President of the Paris Geographical Society, who was one of the visiting Frenchmen at the dedication of the Bartholdi statue, has written his impressions of America from what he has seen. He mentions a number of things wonderful in his sight, but of the women in particular he says:

Everything here conveys a kind of sentiment of force and vitality. But alongside of all that force what grace there is! Nowhere are there more charming women than the women of America—that is to say when they will take the trouble to be charming. In them the natural charms of the Old World are united to the vigor of a generous blood and a young race—they are simply perfect. One can say of them what our poet Emile Augier puts in the mouth of one of his characters: "She is simply perfect," or to sum up all the perfect, "*Elle est charmante, elle est charmante*."

Now will some of our French scholars translate *elle est charmante* for the benefit of the ladies.

The only place in this locality where Christmas goods can be bought at great advantage is at the store of M. L. Armstrong, Main street, Smethport. If you want the choicest gifts make your selections early.

N. R. COLLINS & Co., Main St., Bradford, Pa., [illegible] express [illegible] Whiskies for medical and family use. 47 tf

[illegible] is the best [illegible] Taylor & Parker.

[illegible] 25 per [illegible] fall and winter [illegible] D. Dornberg, Eldred [illegible] for [illegible] attractive [illegible] Young.

Dots Along our Counters

[illegible] the goods [illegible] give you the information [illegible] the lowest possible [illegible] nobody [illegible] that [illegible] such [illegible] excellent [illegible] so little [illegible] market [illegible] well shaped [illegible] cost [illegible] says the manufacturer [illegible] Nothing but [illegible] towels and table [illegible] more than [illegible] of [illegible] are [illegible] for your [illegible]

DUSENBURY BROS & TRUESDELL.

M. L. ARMSTRONG is selling children's [illegible] at "hard pan" prices.

N. R. COLLINS & Co., Main st., Bradford, Pa., send by express, carefully packed, Wines, Brandies, Gins and Whiskies for medical and family use.

We guarantee every sack of Pillsbury's Best Flour. Taylor & Parker.

A large and stylish line of men's boys', youths' and children's overcoats at rock-bottom low prices can only be found at the store of Dan Dornberg, Eldred, Pa.

GLEASON & LEMMLER are now receiving their Winter Stock of Blankets, Robes, Whips, Harness, etc. Call and examine goods and prices before purchasing.

Heavy Bob Sleighs.

Six sets Heavy Lumber Bobs for sale at rock bottom prices at Palmer's Livery and Sale Stable, Smethport, Pa. A. T. PALMER.

Dec. 2, 1886.

Apples For Sale

The subscriber offers a hundred barrels of CHOICE WINTER APPLES for sale, including the Tompkins King, Northern Spy, Winter Pippins, Spitzenbergs, Greenings, &c. A. REILLY.

Smethport, Nov. 15, 1886. 3t.

ENGLISH Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft, or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavin, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ringbone, Stifles, Sprains, Swellings, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, druggist, Smethport, Pa. vol23no39-1y

No lady should live in perpetual fear, and suffer from the more serious troubles that so often appear, when Dr. Kilmer's Female Remedy is certain to prevent and cure Tumor and Cancer there.

LITERARY NOTES.

REMARKABLE JOURNALISTIC SUCCESS!

The Pittsburg *Times* during the past year, by a liberal expenditure of money and ceaseless energy in all its departments, has worked its way to the head of the list of one cent papers in the country, and is fully as good and complete a newspaper as any of its more expensive contemporaries in this State. Its news-gatherers cover every important occurrence, foreign and domestic, its editorials are able and fearless, its market reports corrected daily by experts in every line, and what is especially commendable—everything of an objectionable character is excluded from its columns. THE TIMES is in every respect a first-class family paper, and we take pleasure in referring to its success and recommending it to our patrons. It is mailed to any address for $3 00 a year. By the month 25 cents.

Crazy Quilts

Some one has said "if we would only make a crazy quilt of the odds and ends of wisdom what a treasure it would be." Well, if you'll think over the information given below and act upon it you will secure many a square for your quilt of wisdom. "Some artistic enough to be placed near the middle, and hundreds good to fill in an odd place." During the next ten days we offer our best quality all wool carpets at 60 cents per yard, cost more to buy at mill. One lot body brussels worth $1 25 at $1 00 per yard. One lot tapestry at 65 and 75 cents, worth 85 cents and $1 00. Remnants of dress goods 2 to 10 yards at about half off. Cloaks will never be less in price than at present. The same may be said of goods all through the store.

DUSENBURY BROS. & TRUESDELL.

Cutters

Twenty-five cutters—Portland and swell box—for sale at lowest wholesale prices at Palmer's Livery and Sale Stable, Smethport, Pa. A. T. PALMER.

Dec. 2, 1886.

Friday and Saturday, November 26th and 27th, we will offer greater inducements than ever to intending buyers of Dry Goods and Cloaks. If you want to make a little money buy a large amount of Merchandise. You can well afford to visit our store some time during the next ten days or two weeks. Store will be closed the 25th. Holiday goods will be opened about December 10th. Dusenbury Bros. & Truesdell, 113 Union street, Olean.

From 10 to 15 lbs. more of bread to the sack can be made from "Pillsbury's Best" Flour than from any other. Try it. For sale by Taylor & Parker.

Fine Whiskey, Brandy, etc. Families supplied by N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa.

GENTS and Ladies fine shoes a specialty at Young's.

THE assortment of men's, youths' and boys' suits [illegible] styles and quality at D. Dornberg, Eldred, Pa., [illegible] to show [illegible] confidence and patronage [illegible] You can get just what you want at prices that will astonish all.

We are the owners and proprietors of the [illegible] Distilling Co. [illegible] Kentucky, and their celebrated whiskey. N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa.

A Voice from the Empire State

Miss Ella Mainwaring of Frenchville, N. Y., after using eight bottles of Dennis' Great Blood Remedy for a very serious skin [illegible] [illegible] pimples and sores [illegible] is now perfectly well and [illegible] The above case [illegible] the medicine will [illegible]

[illegible] ten [illegible] kind [illegible] syrup [illegible] 25 cents. For Dennis' [illegible] Catarrh [illegible] Dennis [illegible] Salve, 25 cents. For any kind of skin [illegible] roughness of the skin, pimples on the face, &c., &c., use Dennis' Aromatic [illegible] at E. B. McCoy's or order from the proprietor, G. J. Dennis, Eldred, Pa.

N. R. COLLINS & Co., wholesale dealers in Wines, Liquors and Cigars, 88 Main street, Bradford, Pa.

We extend an invitation to our friends in Smethport and vicinity to call on us when in Bradford. N. R. Collins & Co., 88 Main street. 47-tf

N. R. COLLINS & Co.—Cigars—Bradford, Pa.

Insure Your Life

All death and accidental claims of the Travelers are paid without discount. Losses paid $12,000,000.

HASKELL & LOCKWOOD, Agents.

Smethport, Oct. 21 [illegible]

N. R. COLLINS & Co., wholesale dealers in Wines, Liquors and Cigars, 88 Main street, Bradford, Pa.

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DR KILMER'S
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COUGH-CURE CONSUMPTION OIL
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BRONCHIAL
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Which they propose to sell at manufacturers' prices. Call and examine our stock and prices and become satisfied that it is a waste of time to look elsewhere for goods we sell. We are selling our goods as low as any house west of New York for quality.

GLEASON & LEMMLER.

Smethport, Pa., March 18, 1886.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, Pa., on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1886,

at 1:30 p. m., the following several pieces of property

1.

The defendants' interest in all that certain piece parcel or tract of land known as part of the Garlock farm, situated in Bradford township, McKean county, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post and stones at the northeast corner of the twenty-five acres reserved on the said Garlock farm, thence north seventy-seven (77) degrees, east ten and nine-tenths (10 9-10) rods to a post and stones at the southwest corner of the Etheredge farm, thence north 80° and 30 minutes, east sixty-six and fifty four one-hundredths (66 54-100) rods along line between said Garlock and Etheredge farm to a post, thence south 5°, east forty-two and eight-tenths (42 8-10) rods to the southerly corner of Wing lot, thence along south line of Wing lot south 85°, west seventy-one fifteen one-hundredths rods to a post in the east line of said 25 acres reserved, thence along said line north 5°, 55 minutes, west twelve and seventy three-one-hundredths (12 73-100) rods to the place of beginning. Containing eleven and thirty four-one hundredths (11 34-100) acres, be the same more or less. Excepting and reserving the right, title and interest of persons occupying dwelling houses on the above described land.

ALSO—All the oil right, with full power and authority to go upon said land to operate, mine, drill, pump and remove said oil from all those certain pieces or tracts of land in same township and county, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of land deeded to Bradley and Green on the Garlock farm reserve of 25 acres, thence south no degrees, 45 minutes, west sixty-three two-tenths (63 2-10) thence north 87°, 55 minutes east twelve and sixty seven-one-hundredths (12 67-100) rods to the place of beginning. Containing five (5) acres of land, more or less.

ALSO—Beginning at the southwest corner of five acres now or lately owned by M. C. Treat, and a part of the Garlock farm, thence south 87°, 55 minutes west thirty-one and sixty six-one-hundredths (31 66-100) rods to a stake, thence north 45 minutes west fifty and one half (50½) rods, thence north 87°, 55 minutes east thirty-one and sixty six-one-hundredths (31 66-100) rods to a stake, thence south no degrees, 45 minutes, east fifty and one half (50½) rods to the place of beginning. Containing ten (10) acres of land, more or less, the fee or surface right having been heretofore sold to A. V. Field, it is hereby intended to convey the oil right only together with six (6) oil wells, six engines, one boiler, all tubing, casing, tanks, fittings, fixtures and appurtenances thereto and thereunto belonging, together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, woods, ways, rights, liberties, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

Seized taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Jennie E. Huff and H. B. Huff, her husband, in right of Jennie E. Huff, at suit of A. V. Field, now for use of W. C. McNish.

D. H. Jack, Pl'ffs Atty.

2.

The defendants' interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the borough of Eldred, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a point in the centre of Main street in said borough of Eldred being the southeast corner of land of Phoebe Young, running thence south along the centre of said street forty six (46) feet to the northeast corner of land of A. J. Barden, thence west along the north line of said A. J. Barden lot to the line of the right of way of the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia Railroad Company, thence north [illegible] along the line of the said right of way [illegible] to the southwest corner of [illegible] land of Phoebe Young, thence eastwardly along the south line of said Young lot to the place of beginning. Being a lot forty-six feet wide on said Main street and extending back westwardly from the centre of said street to the east line of the right of way of the railroad company aforesaid, subject to a right of passage way heretofore granted to the said A. J. Barden of eight feet wide, on the south side of said lot running westwardly back from the [illegible] one hundred and thirty [illegible] feet and adjoining the said lot of A. J. Barden, together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of [illegible] at suit of W. H. [illegible] Archibald.

J. R. Cotter, Pl'ffs Atty.

3.

All [illegible] the following described [illegible] lot of land situate in the township of [illegible] county of McKean and State [illegible] being part of the [illegible] Colegrove farm, bounded as follows: Beginning [illegible] the Mill road, thence north one hundred and thirteen (113) rods to a beech corner on the west line of H. Colegrove's land, thence south seventy-six degrees east one hundred and fifty nine (159) rods to a post and stone corner, thence south seventy-six [illegible] of the Mill road, thence westerly along said [illegible] to the place of beginning. Containing seventy-five acres of land more or less, and being the same land deeded to the said Theron H. Colegrove by Horace Colegrove and wife by deed dated December 4th, A. D. 1872, and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds in and for said county in Deed Book [illegible] page 448, &c. Together with one two and a half story frame dwelling house [illegible] story wing attached [illegible] barn [illegible] and about thirty [illegible] fruit trees [illegible] About ten (10) acres improved, excepting and reserving, however, certain rights [illegible] reference to a certain [illegible] from Theron H. Colegrove to the McKean & Buffalo R. R. Co., bearing date November 11th, A. D. 1874, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county in Miscellaneous Book D, page 1 [illegible] &c.

ALSO—A certain piece or parcel of land as will more fully appear by reference to a certain deed from T. H. Colegrove and wife to the United Pipe Lines, bearing date of October 28th, A. D. 1880, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county, in Deed Book No. 7, page 233, &c.

Seized, taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of T. H. Colegrove at suit of Henry Hamlin.

Sterrett & Rose, Pl'ffs Atty's.

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All the defendant's interest in the following real estate, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the township of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the corner [illegible] northwest corner of Lot No. [illegible] of the allotment of the Bingham lands in said township, thence south eighty eight degrees east sixty-eight and [illegible] perches [illegible] to a stake, thence south three degrees west ninety five and sixteen one-hundredths [illegible] perches to a stake, thence north eighty seven degrees west sixteen and eighty one hundredths (16 81-100) perches to a point in the west line of said lot No. 106 and thence north three degrees east ninety five and sixteen-one-hundredths (95 16-100) perches to the place of beginning. Containing ten (10) acres, strict measure, and being a part of lot No. 106 of the Bingham lands in warrant No. 3347 and being a part of a larger piece of land conveyed by the executors of the estate of A. W. Taylor, deceased, to H. F. Whitney by deed dated Oct. 5th, A. D. 1880, and being same land conveyed to J. B. Bradley and J. W. Humphrey by said H. F. Whitney by deed dated November 21st, 1880. Recorded January 21st, 1881, in Deed Book Vol. 12, page 524, &c. Together with three (3) oil wells, three engines, three [illegible] engines, one [illegible] carpenter's rigs, three [illegible] tanks, [illegible] two 250-barrel tanks, small tanks, all feet of tubing, all feet of sucker rods, all the machinery, fixtures and appurtenances [illegible] thereto belonging.

ALSO—One acre of land in Eldred township, Warrant No. 4121, and having thereon 2 oil wells, 2 carpenter's rigs, strings tubing, 2 strings casing, two 250-barrel tanks, one 10-barrel tank. Known as the Hazen & Fay lease on Indian Creek. Together with all and singular the appurtenances thereon belonging.

Seized, taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of J. W. Humphrey at suit of W. O. Wright.

Stone & Weil, Pl'ffs Atty's.

5

The defendant's interest in an undivided one half interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the township of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: East by lands of Margaret C. Hawkins (now Lawrence), south by lands of John Rutherford and Joseph Clark, west by lands of Joseph Clark and Tunungwant Creek, and north by lands of Benj. Dikeman and A. T. Newell. Containing seventy-six acres of land, be the same more or less, and having situated thereon two story frame dwelling house, out buildings, &c.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. K. Wallace, executor of the estate of Mary Dikeman, deceased, at suit of R. Dikeman, now use of Laura Dikeman.

Chapman & Son, Pl'ffs Atty.

6

All the defendant's interest in the following described real estate situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a post ninety-eight (98) feet east of the southeast corner of Kennedy and Foreman streets, thence southerly along the east line of lots No. 20, 21, 22 and 23 one hundred (100) feet to a post, the north line of Wm. Wagner's lot, thence easterly along said north line twenty five (25) feet to a post, thence northerly along the west line of lot of —— one hundred (100) feet to a post in the south line of Foreman street, thence along south line of said street twenty five feet to the place of beginning. Containing 2,500 square feet, be the same more or less, it being lot numbered 25 on the map of Bayne, Amm and Kennedy's lots, said lot being the same deeded by Samuel C. Stanton and Chloe his wife to E. G. Davis, January 24, 1881, and by E. G. Davis to G. H. Lyon and A. P. Boyler by deed dated May 31, 1882, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county, Pa., in Deed Book No. 18, page 505, &c., and having thereon erected one [1] two story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of G. H. Lyon at suit of W. N. Corwin.

Geo. A. Sturgeon, Pl'ffs Atty.

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All the defendant's interest in the following real estate, situate in the township of Eldred, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of lot conveyed to Wm. E. Moses [No. 298], thence south seventy-eight (78) perches to a corner, thence east thirty (30) perches to a corner, thence south one hundred seven and one-tenths [107 1-10] perches to a corner in the north line of No 255, thence west sixty [60] perches to a corner in the east line of No. 278 [P. B. Woodard], the[nce] north thirty-four [34] perches to the northeast corner of the same, west twenty-eight and two-tenths [28 2-10] perches to a corner in the southeast line of Reuben A. Carey's lot, No. 207, thence north by said east line seventy-three and one-tenths [73 1-10] perches to the northeast corner of said No. 207, thence west fifty-four and seven-tenths [54 7-10] perches to the east line of No. 279, thence north by said east line twenty four and three-tenths [24 3-10] perches to the north east corner of the same, thence west forty-seven and one-tenths [47 1-10] perches to the southeast corner of No. 309, thence north by east line of said No. 309 fifty-three and seven-tenths [53 7-10] perches to the northeast corner of the same, thence east one hundred and sixty perches to the beginning. Containing one hundred and twenty three acres. Being lots Nos. 229 and 237 in warrant No. 3453 of the allotment of Keating lands in said township, and being the same land deeded to A. N. Taylor by Mordecai N. Powell, sheriff, by deed poll dated Sept. 29, 1874, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county, in Deed Book "T," pages 273, &c. Excepting and reserving from the above land, however, a certain piece or parcel of land, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post, the southwest corner of lands of A. M. Benton, lot No. 318; thence west sixty [60] perches to a post, the northwest corner of land contracted to Philetus Harris [lot No. 245], thence north thirty-four [34] perches to a post, the northeast corner of land conveyed to P. B. Woodard [lot No. 278], thence west twenty-eight and two-tenths [28 2-10] perches to a post, the southeast corner of land contracted to T. T. Carpenter [lot 207]; thence north thirteen [13] perches to a post, the northwest corner of land hereby conveyed; thence a little north of east eighty-eight [88] rods to a post on A. M. Benton's west line [lot 318], thence south sixty-seven [67] perches to the place of beginning. Containing twenty-five [25] acres strict measure. Being in warrant No. 3453 and being the same land deeded to Philetus L. Harris by Anson E. Fowler and wife by deed dated January 1, 1880, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county in Deed Book No. 15, page 234, &c. Improved, and having thereon one (1) two-story frame dwelling house with wing attached, one (1) small frame barn, about one hundred [100] apple trees, a good spring of water near the house, and about forty [40] acres improved.

Seized, taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of F. Hakes at suit of Charles Brothers, use of Peck & Tyler et al.

A. F. BANNON, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, Smethport, Pa., Nov. 21, 1886.

Court Proclamation.

THE HON. A. G. OLMSTED, PRESIDENT Judge and the Hons. HENRY HAMLIN and P. M. FULLER, Associate Judges of the court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphan's and Court of Common Pleas for the county of McKean have issued their precept, bearing date Friday, Oct. 8, 1886, and to me directed for holding a Court of Common Pleas, at the borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 13th day of December 1886, and to continue two weeks.

Notice is therefore hereby given to Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables, within the county that they be then and there in their proper person at 1 o'clock p. m., of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations, and other remembrances, to do those things which their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognizance to prosecute the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of said county of McKean are to be then and there to prosecute against them as well as just.

Dated at Smethport, Nov. 22d, 1886, and in the 110th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

A. F. BANNON, Sheriff.

List of Grand Jurors

Drawn October 27, 1886, for Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Smethport, the Second Monday of December, A. D. 1886.

Anderson, I.—Hamilton
Barden, L. E.—Eldred Boro
Brennan, J. W.—Smethport
Crook, L. B.—Foster, State Line
Cross, S. J.—Foster, Red Rock,
Claflin, Oscar—Liberty
Duffy, C. W.—Bradford City.
Gallup, O. D.—Norwich
Haven, B. C.—Bradford Township
Hungerville, Thos.—Keating
Huntley, D. B.—Foster, Sawyer
Hood, Chas.—Wetmore
Loel, David—Bradford City
Loop, Vear—Eldred Township.
Littlefield, Enoch—Eldred Township.
Marsh, Stephen—Norwich
Markham, J. H.—Bradford City
Pierce, M. B.—Bradford City
Pratt, W. H.—Bradford Township
Stevens, L.—Bradford Twp., DeGolier
Snyder, Chas.—Bradford City
Stinson, Robt.—Bradford City
Southard, H. S.—Hamilton
Wright, W. A.—Port Allegany

A. F. BANNON, Sheriff
DAVAULT MARTIN } Jury Com'rs
M. S. SHELTON, }
Attest: JNO. R. CHADWICK, Clerk.
Smethport, Pa., Nov. 22d, 1886

List of Petit Jurors.

Drawn Oct. 27, 1886, for Court of Oyer and Terminer to be holden at Smethport the Second Monday of December, A. D. 1886.

Abbey, G. P.—Keating
Adams, Frank—Eldred Township
Burdick, Ira—Norwich
Blair, Chas.—Bradford Twp., Bennett
Brandon, D. M.—Otto, White Rabbit
Brown, D. W.—Duke Centre.
Burke, F. J.—Bradford City
Byron, C. P.—Bradford City
Burkholder, F. F.—Bradford Twp
Berry, J.—Foster, Derrick
Burlingame, H. W.—Hamlin
Belknap, W. H.—Keating.
Burr, C. W.—Liberty.
Campbell, J. G.—Bradford City.
Conger, D. B.—Bradford Twp
Carlin, Thos.—Otto, Oil Valley
Coleman, O. B.—Foster, Selkrigg Farm
Cooper, Theron—Annin
Cummings, A. E.—Liberty
Dean, Robert—Keating
Duffenbacher, Jas.—Hamilton
Dennison, W. P.—Norwich
Egan, Richard—Bradford Twp
Eddy, W. H.—Keating.
Evans, J. H.—Kendall
Fordham, Richard—Wetmore
Fenton, P. C.—Keating
Fagner, Patsey—Bradford City
Goodrich, Alex.—Annin
Gallagher, Dan'l—Otto, Rixford
Gillespie, A. A.—Otto, Duke
Hiscock, A. G.—Lafayette
Holley, Lewis—Ceres
Hovey, A. C.—Ceres
Harvey, James—Foster, Sawyer
Haskall, Wm.—Smethport
Howard, Theron—Bradford Twp
Johnson, J. T.—Bradford City
Kitelinger, P. E.—Otto, Sanderson Farm
Keating, J. J.—Sergeant.
Longwell, R. C.—Bradford Twp., Custer
Libbey, Andrew—Hamilton
Lenhart, D. C.—Bradford City
Love, B. J.—Otto, State Line
Lane, Dennis—Annin
McCready, J. A.—Bradford City
Morse, Henry—Keating
McKean, James—Keating.
Madison, J. H.—Bradford City
Potter, W. F.—Foster, Red Rock.
Riddle, W. S.—Lafayette
Rice, Nelson—Keating
Rice, Wm.—Liberty
Sherwood, Z. J.—Liberty
Sartwell, H. S.—Smethport
Schuyler, A.—Bradford City
Smith, D. W.—Bradford City
Smith, E.—Eldred Boro
Tibbitts, Spencer—Bradford Twp
Wilcox, John—Duke Centre
Wheeler, H. L.—Foster, Corwin
Wiremille, N. J.—Liberty
Weller, D. B.—Bradford City

A. F. BANNON, Sheriff.
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The Hon. A. G. OLMSTED, President Judge and the Hons. H. HAMLIN and P. M. FULLER, Associate Judges of the court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery, quarter sessions of the peace, orphans and court of common Pleas for the county of McKean, have issued their precept bearing date Friday, October 8th, 1886, and to me directed for holding a court of common pleas at the borough of Smethport on Tuesday the 7th day of Dec., 1886, and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport, Nov. 15, 1886, and in the 110th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

A. F. BANNON, Sheriff.

Notice.

THE following account of Administrator having been settled in the office of the Register the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court to be held at Smethport, in and for the county of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania on the Second Monday of December, A. D. 1886.

First and final account of John J. Robarts, Administrator of estate of Polly Messenger, deceased.

J. M. McELROY, Register
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy
Smethport, Pa., Nov. 15, 1886.

Executor's Notice.

WHEREAS letters testamentary on the estate of Adam Martin, late of Clermont, McKean county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to William H. Martin, of Cambridgeport, Massachusetts, and to Peter Martin, of Clermont, McKean county, Pennsylvania. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to Peter Martin at Clermont, McKean county, Penn'a.

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WILLIAM H. MARTIN,
Executors.
Nov. 24, 1886-6t.

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Smethport, Pa., Nov. 24, 1886.-wt.

Receiver's Notice.

J. C. Hughes vs. Robt. B. Jones and Martin G. Brink.	In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean Co., Pa. No. 2, October term, 1886. In Equity

In the matter of the account of Geo. A. Sturgeon, Receiver.

To all parties concerned.—Take notice that Geo. A. Sturgeon, Receiver, appointed in above case has filed his account as such Receiver, and that the same will be presented to the Court of Common Pleas for allowance at a session of said Court to be held at Smethport on Tuesday, the 7th day of December, A. D. 1886, at 2 o'clock p. m. and the same will be allowed and confirmed unless cause be shown to the contrary.

J. H. McELROY, Prothonotary

Smethport, Nov. 1—3t.

Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of Administration on the estate of Mrs. Lucy G. Barnes, late of Hamlin township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to Samuel Barnes, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

SAMUEL BARNES, Administrator.
Kasson, Nov. 8, 1886.-w6.

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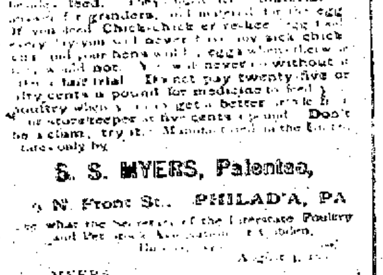

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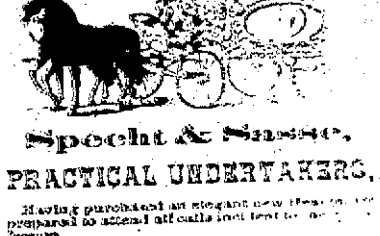

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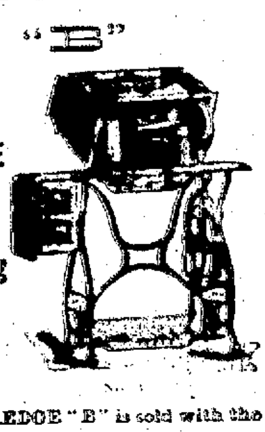

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I should not lose my temper during this interview of such vital importance to my darling. The more I saw of the man the more certain I became that he did not speak without knowledge, and when I observed the growing gravity of Harding's face I felt sure that he also entertained the same conviction. I took no notice, therefore, of Gregson's sneer but repeated my question.

"Tell me, if you please, what was the nature of the plot of which you spoke?"

"Is it possible," he retorted, "that you are so dull as not to see the nature of the plot for yourself now? I should have given you credit for being not quite so stupid as you appear to be. Good Lord! The whole thing has been carried out under your nose, and now that it is finished you come to me to tell you what it means."

[illegible] then, on my stupidity, [illegible]

[illegible]," he said with a mocking [illegible]. My secret is worth a good deal [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] what I told you would [illegible] in the [illegible] been [illegible] who have been plotting against [illegible] and who are now [illegible] with the [illegible] all but one [illegible] hands to some stupid blunder [illegible] their part, or perhaps I ought to say on your part, master, for I'm told you have meddled a good bit in the business, [illegible] hanged. That's all."

The [illegible] of the man revealed itself [illegible] that the moment had arrived when [illegible] the [illegible]

"Mr. Gregson," I said, "since that is the name by which you choose to call yourself, you are making a great mistake [illegible] I have the means of making you speak, and by heaven, sir, I'll use them, and quickly too, or make you pay dearly for your silence."

He looked up at me with a startled air. The fellow was a cur, and at the first attack he [illegible] but he recovered himself after a momentary pause.

"I don't know what you are talking about. First of all you want to bribe me, and then you try bullying. I've not come here to be either bought or sold."

"Then, perhaps, as you don't want to be sold, you will tell me your story without compelling me to summon the detective who is waiting in the next room [illegible] I may make a communication to him [illegible] yourself and Smith & Sharp [illegible] street."

This stroke told even more quickly and completely than I had dared to hope. A ghastly pallor overspread the fellow's face, and he sat for more than a minute speechless, staring at me with eyes full of terror.

"You don't mean to bring that up against me after all these years! Good God! how have you got to know anything about it?" After a pause he continued: "Well, I'll tell [illegible] if you'll promise not [illegible] give me up."

"If you tell me everything, you will be quite safe as far as I am concerned. If you do not, then you must take the consequences."

All his [illegible] had vanished, and he sat before us now [illegible] as I have ever seen. [illegible] had worked like magic. [illegible] the wretched creature asked if he might have a cup of brandy before he began his story, and I was [illegible] to supply him with it. Then he began and told the [illegible] which I shall repeat in his own words, [illegible]

[illegible]

"But how would it profit Dr. Branksome to kill Mr. Mauleverer?" [illegible]

"No, that is just it. But the plot began a great deal earlier than you seem to suppose. It began nearly twenty years ago. At that time Mauleverer had a [illegible] His only sister had died [illegible]

"His sister's child? Why, Miss Stancliffe had been born then?"

[illegible] Miss Stancliffe [illegible]

Harding uttered a low cry of amazement. I found it difficult to put the next question.

"What on earth do you mean?"

"I mean," he said doggedly, "that it was a plant from the very beginning. Dr. Branksome and [illegible] were determined to get every farthing of the old man's money. He had no heir, and so they found one for him, and planted her on him successfully."

"But why should they have fixed upon Miss Stancliffe? What good could they imagine it would do them, supposing that he did leave everything to her?"

The sneering smile appeared on the fellow's face again.

"Really," he said, "you are not very bright. They must have found it easy to make a fool of you. Daisy was adopted by the doctor's wife when she was little more than a baby. She lived in the doctor's house for a dozen years or more, and Branksome got such an influence over her that he knew he could twist her round his fingers exactly as he pleased. Why, I bet you two to one that she hands over her will to him [illegible]

I could not command my countenance [illegible] when I heard this direct [illegible] truth. It brought with it to my mind a [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] "Well, it is just as I thought [illegible] She was to have all the [illegible] the [illegible]. It would have been different, though, if she had [illegible]

[illegible] to throw doubt upon your story [illegible] to accept it without further inquiry, but I must ask you to tell me who is your [illegible], Miss Stancliffe is?"

"That I can tell you just now. No. Well, she is the daughter, I am told, of a poor old parson named Sheldon, who died at Melbourne twenty years ago. His wife lived twelve or eighteen months after him, and then she died, too, and Daisy was left a little child, without a friend in the world. It was then, as I've said, that Mrs. Branksome took pity on her, and adopted her. She was a good woman, was the doctor's wife, and he never dared to carry out his plot [illegible] Daisy until she was gone. God knows whether he did not help her off in the end. He was equal to it. At all events, as soon as she died, Branksome goes to poor old Mauleverer, and tells him the whole tale—the tale he had made up—how he had kept the secret of Daisy's real birth until then, partly because of his promise to her mother, and partly for his wife's sake, as she would never have parted with the girl. Mauleverer swallowed the bait whole, and from that time Branksome had complete command, not [illegible] over Daisy, but over the old man also."

"How have you got to learn all this?"

"That's my business," he said in sullen tones. But immediately some swift fear of the consequences of giving me offense took possession of his mind. "If you must know, I learned it all from an old servant of Branksome's whom I got hold of. I always suspected there was something wrong, and after Branksome quarreled with me, and got me dismissed by Mauleverer, I wormed the truth out of the old woman."

Harding and I were so much astounded by the extraordinary revelation thus made to us that neither of us felt capable of carrying Gregson's examination further. Strange as it may seem, we had no doubt as to the truth of his story. Rascal as the fellow unmistakably was, he had told his tale in a manner which compelled our acceptance of it. I was bewildered, almost paralyzed, by the nature of his statements. Daisy not the niece of Mauleverer! And Branksome the head of a gang of scoundrels, whose diabolical plot against the life of the millionaire had only now been carried out, after years of careful preparation! It seemed incredible, and yet in my heart I felt certain that it was true.

Harding was the first to recover the full use of his faculties.

"Will you be good enough," he said, addressing Gregson, "to give us your opinion, if you have one, as to the way in which Mr. Mauleverer was murdered?"

"I thought you knew all about that. Daisy Stancliffe gave him the poison instead of his powder that night."

By a look Harding warned me to keep calm. "Do I understand," he pursued, "that, in your opinion, Miss Stancliffe—for so, I think, we may still call her—administered the poison knowingly?"

"Why, put it to your own sense, sir. Somebody gave the old gentleman his dose that night. It was not done by Branksome, or by Funter, or by Fosdyke, nor by Mr. Fenton here. Who did it? Not any of the English servants at Great Lorton. There's none of them in the secret, I am sure. Don't you see it must have been done by the girl who had been brought up for that very purpose ever since she was a baby?"

"No!" I cried, regardless of Harding's appealing glance. "I do not see it. God only knows how the thing was done, but if Miss Stancliffe was the accomplice of these villains, she was an unconscious and an innocent one."

"Then will you tell me how the thing was done? Why, you know yourself that neither Branksome nor Funter had been near the [illegible] the old man died, and they were a thousand miles away when the [illegible] was given."

I put my hand to my forehead wearily.

"Ah, if I could only tell you how it was done. I have thought, and thought over everything till my brain has grown giddy. There is only one theory that has even a chance in its favor, and of that, alas! if it be the true one, we can never obtain the proof."

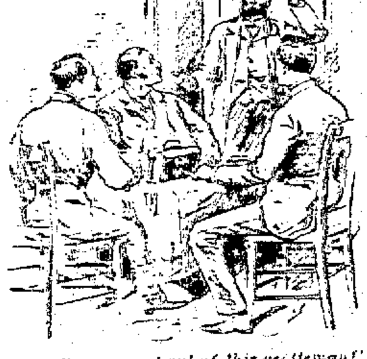
"And what may that theory be?" asked Gregson, with an air of interest.

I hesitated as to whether to reveal my idea to him. It was one which had occurred to me more than once during the long sleepless watches of the night, but I had said nothing of it to any one, chiefly, I think, because it was but, and in the nature of things never could be anything more than, a theory. Unless a miracle were to happen, no proof of it, short of the confession of the criminals, could ever be adduced. Still, it might be well to hear Gregson's opinion of it.

"May it not have been possible," I said, "for a powder containing strychnia to have been secretly substituted by Funter for one containing Mr. Mauleverer's proper medicine. In that case Funter might be able to prove an alibi, although he was really the culprit, and Miss Stancliffe may have given the poison to Mr. Mauleverer, although perfectly innocent of any knowledge of its nature."

I heard a low chuckle and looked up. Brooks had entered the room while I was speaking and had heard my theory:

"I beg your pardon, gentlemen. I knocked twice, but I couldn't make you hear me. You'll excuse me, Mr. Fenton, but I should like to tell you that you have got on the right track at last. As soon as Mr. Harding told me the facts I saw the trick had been done in that way. But lor! What a pity Mr. Benoyer didn't bring it out before the jury!"



"What all you want out of this gentleman?"

"[illegible] at it to him," I replied, "but he [illegible] would only damage our case [illegible] proof could be tendered in support of it."

"[illegible], that is the weak point; but you know, sir, I suppose, that murder has been [illegible] that way before! Aye, and an innocent man guillotined for the crime of which [illegible] knew nothing. I think, after all, Mr. [illegible] was right not to suggest this [illegible] the mystery of the strychnia that the young [illegible] would [illegible] things are different now, and the home secretary will have to think whether, after all, the evidence will justify him in refusing a reprieve. For my part, Mr. Fenton, I'll put my money on a respite."

[illegible] look it round at Gregson and evidently judged from the state of that gentleman's features that the screw had been [illegible] effectually.

"[illegible] want out of this young [illegible]?" he asked. "Enough for [illegible]. Well then, my good fellow, take [illegible] into the next room and wait [illegible] come to you. Don't [illegible] about the door. It is locked and I have the key in my own pocket."

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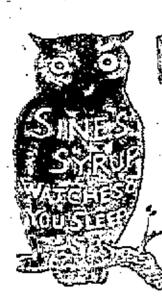

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The Political Field.

The Cleveland *Leader* makes the following brief and comprehensive review of the political field:

To begin with New England. The election in Maine was held in September, and the Republicans made a clean sweep quite as pronounced as under the inspiration of Blaine's candidacy two years ago. In New Hampshire there is a slight decrease in the plurality of the Republican State ticket, and one Congressman appears to have been lost by 150 votes, but he will contest the election of his Democratic "labor" opponent on the ground of fraud. On the whole, the Republican party has lost a little ground in New Hampshire since 1884. In Vermont there has been neither gain nor loss, the State remaining overwhelmingly Republican. Massachusetts shows a Republican loss of two Congressmen, but a gain in the State Legislature, while the popular vote gives a reduced but still ample Republican plurality. On the whole there has been a small Republican gain in that State. Rhode Island shows only a decrease of majorities, and remains Republican. The general result in Connecticut shows no decided change either way. The Democratic plurality in the popular vote is smaller than 2 years ago, and the Democratic ticket lacks more of having a majority overall. Now, as then, the Legislature is overwhelmingly Republican, and will put the whole Republican ticket in office. The Democrats gain one Congressman in a very close district. In the pivotal State of New York the Republicans gain two Congressmen, retain the State Legislature, and make a better and more hopeful showing on the State vote. New Jersey shows an increased Democratic plurality on the popular vote and a larger representation in the State Legislature, but a loss of one Congressman, the net result being to the advantage of the Democracy. Pennsylvania and Ohio remain about as strongly Republican as two years ago, the pluralities decreasing in proportion to the falling off in the total vote, while there is a Republican gain of five Congressmen in Ohio. West Virginia shows Republican gains all around, while Delaware and Maryland remain as solidly Democratic as two years ago. There is no change of consequence in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, or Missouri, except that the Bourbons have stolen the one overwhelmingly negro Congressional district in South Carolina and the one in Mississippi which they failed to seize in 1884. All these States remain fraudulently, in some cases, but hopelessly Democratic. North Carolina shows decided Republican gains, while in Tennessee there is a Bourbon reaction which about balances this change. The Democratic majority in Kentucky is greatly reduced, and the Republicans have gained all over the State. Virginia reports a Republican majority on the popular vote and in the Congressional delegation which is nothing short of a revolution. Cleveland carried the State by more than 6,000, while it has now gone Republican by not less 12,000, and the Democratic Congressmen have been cut down eight to three. Indiana shows a similar revolution. Cleveland had 6,500 plurality in 1884, while now the Republicans have carried the State by 4,000, with a gain of three Congressmen and about thirty members of the Legislature. Michigan also reports notable Republican gains. The plurality on the State ticket has more than doubled, and two Congressmen have been gained, while the Republican majority in the State Legislature has been immensely increased since 1884. The Republicans have more than held their own in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin, gaining five Congressmen in the first State and 1 in the second, besides increasing their majority in the Legislature in both. In Wisconsin the plurality in the popular vote is increased 50 per cent. Kansas is as solidly Republican as in 1884, and the same is true of Nevada and Oregon. In California the result is not yet definitely known, but the contest was [illegible] gained in the popular vote and the Legislature, and probably one Congressman. Nebraska is as heavily Republican as in 1884, save the loss of one Congressman, but Minnesota, while electing a Republican State ticket, and a large Republican majority in the Legislature, shows heavy Democratic gains, and elects three Democratic Congressmen against a solid Republican delegation two years ago. To sum up: The Republican party has gained heavily in Indiana, Virginia, Michigan, Illinois and Kentucky, less decisively in New York, Wisconsin, Iowa, West Virginia and North Carolina, and has held its own in Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Nevada, Missouri, Maryland, Delaware, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas. It has lost heavily in Minnesota and California, and less decidedly in Colorado and Tennessee, while the changes are, perhaps, slightly unfavorable in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Nebraska, South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi, though there was little to lose in the three States last named. This is an exact statement of facts as they are and is not in the least warped to better the Republican showing. It carries its own comment, a bright prophecy of victory in 1888.

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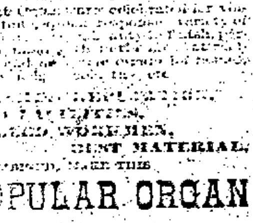

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 15, 1886.

Daily Except Sunday.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:30, a. m.—Day Express for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Lancaster, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington, arriving at Philadelphia 6:50 p. m., New York 9:35 p. m., Baltimore 6:45 p. m., Washington, 7:40 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport to Philadelphia.

9:15 p. m.—Erie Mail for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Lancaster, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington, arriving at Philadelphia 8:25 a. m., New York 11:20 a. m., Baltimore 8:15 a. m., Washington 9:30 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train from Erie to Philadelphia and from Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington and through passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and from Williamsport to Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

10:30 a. m.—Erie Mail for Erie and all intermediate stations with through Pullman Palace car and through passenger coaches to Erie.

6:25 p. m.—Niagara Express for Kane and intermediate stations with through passenger coaches to Kane.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Niagara Express leaves Philadelphia 7:40 a. m., Baltimore 7:30 a. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 6:25 p. m., with through Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport. Erie Mail leaves New York 8:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:25 p. m., Washington 10:00 p. m., Baltimore 10:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 10:30 a. m., with through Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

CHAS. E. PUGH, General Manager. J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

LINES OF TRAVEL.

BUFFALO NEW YORK & PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD.

Time Table takes effect Oct. [illegible]

NORTH'D. BUFFALO DIVISION. SOUTH'D.

p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	Ar.	Lv.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
7 00	1 15	8 40	Buffalo		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6 15	12 37	7 50	East Aurora		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5 35	12 03	7 17	Sardinia June		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5 [illegible]	11 50	7 11	Arcade		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5 10	11 42	6 52	Machias		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4 56	11 21	6 40	Franklinville		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4 17	11 04	6 09	Hinsdale		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 55	10 47	5 50	Olean		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7 15	7 15		Bradford		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	Lv.	Ar.	p.m.	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 43	10 29		Portville		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 21	10 08		Eldred		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 13	10 00		Larrabees		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2 48	9 37		Port Allegany		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1 15	8 20		Emporium		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
p.m.	a.m.		Lv.	Ar.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

a.m.	Lv.	Ar.
3 20	Harrisburg	[illegible]
10 2[illegible]	Philadelphia	[illegible]
8 [illegible]	New York	[illegible]
11 20	Baltimore	[illegible]
10 [illegible]	Washington	[illegible]
p.m.	Lv.	Ar.

Trains leaving Buffalo 5:25 p. m. [illegible] Olean 6:40 a. m. run daily.

Additional Sunday Trains.—[illegible] arriving at Machias [illegible] leave Machias Jc. 5:20 p. m. [illegible] at 7:25 p. m. stopping at [illegible]

CLERMONT BRANCH.

Lv. North'd		STATIONS.	[illegible]
P.M.	A.M.		
3.10	9.20	Larrabees	[illegible]
3.00	9.10	Frisbee	[illegible]
2.45	9.00	Farmers Valley	[illegible]
2.35	8.40	Smethport	[illegible]
2.13	7.20	Crosby	[illegible]
2.08	7.10	Colegrove	[illegible]
2.03	7.00	Hamlin	[illegible]
1.55	6.00	Clermont	[illegible]
P.M.	A.M.		

North'd. ROCHESTER DIVISION. South'd.

p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	Ar.	Lv.	[illegible]
7 15	11 05	9 00	Rochester		[illegible]
7 02	10 52	8 47	Terminal		[illegible]
6 55	10 45	8 40	Genesee June		[illegible]
6 38	10 27	8 25	[illegible]ville		[illegible]
6 16	10 10	8 00	Avon		[illegible]
6 06	10 00	7 47	Fowlerville		[illegible]
6 00	9 55	7 40	York		[illegible]
5 45	9 30	7 22	Caylersville		[illegible]
5 31	9 20	7 10	Mt Morris		[illegible]
5 10	9 00	6 40	Tuscarora		[illegible]
5 02	8 52	6 40	Junction		[illegible]
4 30	8 25	a.m.	Portage		[illegible]
4 22	8 11		Wiscoy		[illegible]
4 12	8 02		Fillmore		[illegible]
3 53	7 45		Caneadea		[illegible]
3 45	7 35		Belfast		[illegible]
3 12	7 02		Cuba		[illegible]
2 55	6 45		Hinsdale		[illegible]
2 30	6 25		Olean		[illegible]
p.m.	a.m.		Lv.	Ar.	

[illegible] 6.30 Lv. Kinzua [illegible] Ar.
[illegible] Lv. Swaines [illegible]
[illegible] a.m. a.m.

Narrow Gauge System. Trains leave [illegible] for Bradford 7:25, 11:00 a. m., 5:[illegible] [illegible] Olean 8 a. m., 3:55, 6:00 p. m. [illegible] for Bradford 7:10, 11:25 a. m. [illegible] arrive Eldred [illegible] p. m. Leave Bradford for Kinzua 7:[illegible] p. m., arrive Bradford 11:25 a. m. [illegible]

Sunday Trains.—Leave Olean [illegible] arrive Olean 11.00 a. m.

Trains are run on Eastern Time.

Pullman Sleeping Cars between [illegible] and Philadelphia, on trains leaving Buffalo at 2.00 p. m., arriving Buffalo 7:00 p. m.

Tickets sold and baggage checked to all principal points.

Get Time Tables giving full information from Company's Agents.

GEO. S. GATCHELL, Gen'l Sup't.
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THE ERIE NARROW GAUGE SYSTEM

BRADFORD BORDELL & KINZUA RAILROAD, and BRADFORD, ELDRED & CUBA RAILROAD. Takes effect Saturday, Nov. [illegible]

WESTWARD.			STATIONS.	EASTWARD.		
p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5 20	10 45	8 20	ar. Bradford lv	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5 28	10 36	8 10	Kenzua Jn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4 10	11 [illegible]	7 40	Aiken	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4 [illegible]	[illegible]	7 40	Simpson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 [illegible]	[illegible]	7 44	Sanders	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 [illegible]	9 [illegible]	7 40	Rew City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 [illegible]	9 [illegible]		Rixford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3 [illegible]	9 21		Duke Centre	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2 44	9 11		Eldred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2 37	9 01		Bells Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2 [illegible]	8 [illegible]		Ceres	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2 [illegible]	8 24		Little Genesee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			Bolivar Ar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2 46	8 15		Bolivar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Allentown	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		lv Wellsville ar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

N. Y., L. E. & W.

[illegible]	Hornellsville	[illegible]
6 26	Corning	[illegible]
5 40	Elmira	[illegible]
5 12	Waverly	[illegible]
4 55	Owego	[illegible]
5 55	Binghamton	[illegible]
5.00	New York	[illegible]
p.m.		

Sunday Trains leave Wellsville [illegible] Bolivar at [illegible] Ceres at [illegible] Eldred at [illegible] Smethport at [illegible] Aiken at 10.05, arriving at Bradford [illegible]

Additional train leaves [illegible] except Sunday, at 5.25 p.m., arriving at [illegible] at [illegible] and Bolivar at 6.15 p. m.

[illegible] Runs daily.
[illegible] Runs daily except Sunday.

JNO. C. McKENNA, Superintendent.

CUBA BRANCH. To take effect [illegible]

Westward.		Stations.	[illegible]
28	26		
p.m.	a.m.		
3 27	9 07	Ar. Cuba	[illegible]
2 [illegible]	7 25	Lv. Little Genesee at	[illegible]
1 15	7 10	Bolivar	[illegible]

B. C. WILLIAMS, Gen'l Sup't.
JNO. C. McKENNA, G. P. A.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Company. New Time Table, takes effect [illegible]

ROCHESTER DIVISION.

EASTWARD.			STATIONS.	WESTWARD.
Acc.	Exp.	Mail	Eastern Time.	[illegible]
p.m.	a.m.	p.m.		
2 [illegible]	9 40	7 [illegible]	ar. Rochester	[illegible]
[illegible]	9 01	[illegible]	Scottsville	[illegible]
[illegible]	8 [illegible]	[illegible]	Mumford	[illegible]
[illegible]	8 [illegible]	[illegible]	Leroy	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pavilion	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wyoming	[illegible]
[illegible]	7 44	[illegible]	Warsaw	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Silver Lake Jun.	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gainesville	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pike	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bliss	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Farmersville	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Machias	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ashford	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ellicottville	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bradford June	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Salamanca	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Carrollton	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Limestone	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bradford	[illegible]
		[illegible]	Custer City	[illegible]
		[illegible]	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
		[illegible]	Ridgway	[illegible]
		[illegible]	Little Toby	[illegible]
		[illegible]	Brockwayville	[illegible]
		[illegible]	Falls Creek	[illegible]
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		[illegible]	Sykes	[illegible]
		[illegible]	Big Run	[illegible]
		[illegible]	Punxsutawney	[illegible]
		[illegible]	lv Clayville ar	[illegible]

BUFFALO DIVISION.

EASTWARD.		STATIONS.	[illegible]
Exp	Mail		
a.m.	p.m.		
10 15	6 45	Ar. Buffalo	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Williamsville	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Orchard Park	[illegible]
9 25	5 52	West Falls	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Colden	[illegible]
9 12	5 32	Springville	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	West Valley	[illegible]
8 30	4 30	Ashford	[illegible]
a.m.	p.m.		

Connections are made at [illegible] Rochester with the New York Central [illegible] River R. R. and at Salamanca with N. Y. P. & O. R. R. for Jamestown [illegible] cinnati, Chicago and the west [illegible] Erie R. R. for Hornellsville and [illegible] at Bradford with the Narrow Gauge [illegible] all points in the oil regions [illegible] Williamsport, Philadelphia [illegible]

Connections are made at Buffalo [illegible] Y. C. & H. R. R. for Niagara Falls, Lewiston, Hamilton and Toronto [illegible] M. S. & L. S. R. [illegible] Michigan Central R. R. [illegible] Trunk Railway for all points [illegible] the west.

Tickets, time tables and full [illegible] be procured at ticket offices [illegible] R. depot, Exchange street, Buffalo.

JAS. T. GARDNER, ISAIAH [illegible], Gen'l [illegible]

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY RAILroad Time Table, takes effect Monday, May 31, 1886

A.M.	EAST'W'D.	STATIONS.	[illegible]
P.M.	P.M.		
6.55	1.18	Coudersport	[illegible]
6.51	1.16	Hammonds	[illegible]
6.43	1.06	Olmsted	[illegible]
6.37	1.00	Nelsons	[illegible]
6.30	12.53	Knowlton	[illegible]
6.27	12.45	Roulette	[illegible]
6.16	12.41	Powers Bridge	[illegible]
6.10	12.28	Burtville	[illegible]
6.03	12.25	Silver Spring	[illegible]
5.56	12.19	Coleman	[illegible]
5.50	12.12	Port Allegany	[illegible]

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

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Wellsboro, Pa., Dec. 24 1883.